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Kids among six killed in J&K boat capsize

A woman mourns the death of her family members after a boat capsized in the Jhelum river on the outskirts of Srinagar on Tuesday. The boat was carrying mostly schoolchildren. Six persons were reported dead in the accident that happened around 8 am. All six bodies have been pulled out of the river | ZAHOOR PUNJABI | PTI

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BJP Ka Sankalp
Modi Ki Guarantee
Manifesto 2024

Helping the poor

- Free ration will continue for the next 5 years.
- Becoming self-reliant in production of pulses, edible oils and vegetables.
- Clean drinking tap water for every house and reduction of electricity bill to zero through PM Surya Ghar Yojna.

Honouring the farmers

- Continuation of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and Crop Insurance Scheme.
- Timely increase in MSP. Increasing farmers' income in every aspect.
- Establishment of Shri Ann (Millets) as super food, Expansion of PM Matsya Sampada Yojana and dairy cooperative societies.

Women empowerment

- Three crore rural women will become Lakhpati didis.
- Expansion of piped gas connection to households. Ensuring availability of Hostels and Creches for working women.
- Integrate self help groups with the service sector to increase their income.
- Ensuring representation of women in Lok Sabha and State assemblies by implementing Nari Shakti Vandan Act.

Focus on the middle class

- Home ownership for middle class families.
- Ensuring accessible and affordable healthcare at district hospitals, Ayushman Arogya Mandirs and other secondary healthcare centres.
- Expansion of health services, new educational institutes and improvement of infrastructure for ease of life.

Investment to provide better employment opportunities for youth

- Increase in employment opportunities by investing in infrastructure, investment, manufacturing, high value services and start-ups.
- Loan amount under MUDRA Yojna will be doubled to ₹20 Lakh for encouraging employment/ self employment.
- Government recruitment will become more transparent by implementation of law regarding paper leaks and establishment of new institutions of higher education.

Prosperous India through good governance

- Guaranteed strict action against corruption.
- Implementation of Bharatiya Nyay Samhita.
- Introduction of "One Nation, One Election" and "Common Voter List".
- Implementation of Uniform Civil Code according to Article 44 of Constitution.

For labourers

- New scheme to develop modern facilities for truck drivers on the highways.
- Empowerment of gig workers, domestic workers, street workers and other labourers through the e-Shram portal.

Becoming global hub for manufacturing

- Will make India a global hub for manufacturing, this will create lakhs of jobs.
- Guarantee of increasing manufacturing in steel, cement, aluminium, railway, defence, pharmaceutical, electric vehicle, mobile, semi conductor and other sectors.

Priority to the deprived

- Expansion of PM-SVANidhi and Vishwakarma schemes for expanding employment opportunities for OBC, SC, and ST communities.
- Ensuring scholarships for talented students from marginalised sections.
- Special focus on all things related to fishermen such as boat insurance, fish processing unit, timely information through satellite, etc.

Virasat aur Vikas

- All-round development of Ayodhya city and development of other religious places on the lines of Kashi Vishwanath Corridor.
- Providing training in Yoga, Ayurveda, Indian languages, and classical music by establishing Thiruvalluvar Cultural Centres across the world.

Strengthening economy through infrastructure

- Making India the world's third-largest economy.
- Expanding the expressway network to 15,000 kms and enhancing services of new airports, highways, and water metros.
- Build new rail lines, new Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat, and Namo Bharat trains, and world-class stations. Minimising the waiting list of rail tickets.
- Dedicated Purvodaya Masterplan for infrastructure development of Eastern India and its coastal and hilly areas.

Senior citizens

- Free health facilities to senior citizens by including them under Ayushman Bharat.
- Special programme for pilgrimage tours of senior citizens.

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Press the lotus button Make BJP win

Phir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar

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Declaration about criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation &Ors. Vs. Union of India &Anr.)

Name of Political Party : BHARATIYAJANATAPARTY

* Name of Election : GENERAL ELECTIONS TO LOKASABHA 2024

Name of State/ UT : KARNATAKA

1.	2	3	4		5.	
Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Name of constituency	Pending criminal cases		Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
			Name of Court, Case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date (s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1	BRIJESH CHOWTA	PC -17, DAKSHINA KANNADA PARLIA MENTARY CONSTITUENCY	JMFC NANJANAGUDU CC No.199/2018 Pending before the HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, BENGALURU in Crl.P. 2675/2024	Section 127-A and 133 of the RP Act. Restrictions on the printing of pamphlets, posters and penalty for illegal hiring or procuring of conveyance at elections.	Nil	Nil
2	V.SOMANNA	PC–No.19, Tumkur Parliamentary Constituency	PCR No. 31/2013 Hon´ble Additional City Civil &Session judge, Bangalore City, CCH 82 (Crl. Pet. No.11549/ 2022 reserved for orders in High Courtof Karnataka, Bengaluru)	Offence under Sec. 13(1) (b)(d)& (e) R/W Section 13(2) of P.C.Act, Karnataka Lokayuktha)	NIL	NIL
3	KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE	PC- 24, BANGALORE NORTH PARLIAME-NTARY CONSTITUENCY	1. CC No. 45/2024 24th ACMM Bengaluru Pending	Sec.123(3), 123(3A), 125 of RP Act Allegation of inflammatory speech and scandalous allegations against particular state	Nil	Nil
			2. CR.No. 24/2024, Madhurai City Police Station, Tamilnadu. Pending	Sec. 153, 153A, 505(1)(B), 505 (2) of IPC Allegation of inflammatory speech and scandalous allegations against particular state	Nil	Nil
			3. CC No.37087/2021 42nd ACMM. Bengaluru	Sec. 499 & 500 of IPC Alleged defamation of Sowmya Reddy	Nil	Nil
			4. CR.No.33/2020 JMFC Tirur. Pending Investigarion	Sec.153A & 34 of IPC Alleged inflammatory speech	Nil	Nil
			5. Spl.CC 124/2014 CCH 82, Bengaluru, PENDING TRIAL	Sec. 45(1) of PMLA R/w. Sec 200 of Cr.PC for offences under Sec 3 & 4 of PMLA Alleged that money is invested in shell company and alleged money laundering	Nil	Nil
4	P.C.Mohan	PC- 25, BANGALORE CENTRAL PARLIAME-NTARY CONSTITUENCY	1.Cr.No.50/2024 Halasuru Gate P.S, Hon'ble 6th ACMM, Bengaluru Stayed in Karnataka High Court in Crl.P.2771/2024	1.Section 143, 149, 188, 283, 290 AND 268 Of IPC. Alleged unlawful assembly, disobedience to order lawfully made by public servant, causing obstruction in public way & public nuisance Carrying out protest in a place other than the designated place as per the licensing and regulation of protests, demonstrations and protest marches (Bengaluru City) order, 2021 under section 31(1)(o) of the Karnataka Police Act, 1963	NIL	NIL
			2.PCR No.46/2019 – CH 82, Hon'ble Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge (Spl Court), Bengaluru –Presently transferred 42nd ACMM Bengalru and Renumbered as 19837/2021. Awaiting further orders from Supreme Court of India in SLP (Crl) No. 1475/2021	Secs. 171G, 177, 181, 191,193,199 And 200 of IPC. Alleged Suppression about immovable Property before the RO in 2014 & 2019 General Elections, Allegedly giving false information, making false statement on oath or affirmation to public servant	NIL	NIL
5	L S TEJASVI SURYA	PC – 26 BANGALORE SOUTH	1. FIR (CRIME) No. 51/2024 , HALARURU GATE PS, BANGALORE (Dt. 20.03.2024) 6th ACMM, Bengaluru. Stayed by Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka Bengaluru in Crl. P. No.2772/2024	Sec. 153A, 295a of IPC, and Sec. 123(3A) of the RP Act, 1950,1951, 1989 Promoting enmity between classes and maliciously insulting the religion or religious belief of any class.	Nil	Nil
			2. FIR (CRIME) No. 50/2024 , HALARURU GATE PS, BANGALORE (Dt. 19.03.2024) 6th ACMM, Bengaluru. Stayed by Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka Bengaluru in Crl. P. No.2773/2024	Sections 143, 149, 188, 283, 290 & 268 of IPC Unlawful assembly, Disobedience to Orderlawfully made by Public Servant, Causing obstruction in Public way and Public nuisance	Nil	Nil
			3. FIR No. 200/2022At Civil Lines PS, New Delhi dt. (30.03.2024) C R Case No. 12/2022 At Rouse Avenue Courts, NewDelhi Stayed by Hon'ble Delhi High Court of in Crl. M.C. No.3867/2023	Sections 143, 147, 149, 186, 188, 332, 353 of IPC Unlawful assembly, Rioting, Obstruction Public Servant, Disobedience to Order lawfully made by Public Servant, voluntarily causing hurt, assault to deter public Servant	Nil	Nil
6	Dr. K. SUDHAKAR	PC –27 Chikkaballapur	CC 35460/2022 Before 42ndACMM, Spl. Court. Pending in Crl. Pet. No. 1055/2023, before the Karnataka High Court, Bengaluru.	Sections 499, 500 501 R/w. Sec.34 of IPC Defamation.		

Lokesh Ambekallu
(State Office Secretary)
Bharatiya Janata Party - Karnataka

Piramal Capital & Housing Finance

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 15400001637 of Kolar Branch) Sahistha S (Borrower) Shoaib Sattar Vichhi (Co Borrower 1)	22-03-2024 /₹ 1219788 /-(₹ Twelve lakh Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight Only) NPA (10-03-2024)	Site No.72, Sy Nos.24/1, 33/1, 33/3, 33/ Aboo Layout, Lakshmipura-abiggere Mn Rd Lakshmipura Village, Yeshwanth Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka - 560090
(LC No. 21400041896 of Bengaluru-Jayanagar-1 Branch) Vinay Kumar Choyan (Borrower) Jisha M (Co Borrower 1)	22-03-2024 /₹ 346458/- (₹ Three lakh Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Eight Only) NPA (10-03-2024)	Site No 380 Navanidhi Township Block A Samandur Village Kasaba Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562106
(LC No. 21400041898 of Bengaluru-Jayanagar-1 Branch) Ajith Prasad PK (Borrower) Padmaja T V (Co Borrower 1)	22-03-2024 /₹ 319007/- (₹ Three lakh Nineteen Thousand Seven Only) NPA (10-03-2024)	Site No 392 Navanidhi Township Block A Samandur Village Kasaba Hobli Anekal Taluk Anekal Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562106
(LC No. 21500043989 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar - 2 Branch) Rakesh Premchand (Borrower) Sangeetha S (Co Borrower 1)	22-03-2024 / ₹ 1009158/- (₹ Ten lakh Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight Only) NPA (09-02-2024)	Site No 63 Upkar Habitat,ballur Village Attibele Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore Near By TVS Company Attibele Bengaluru Karnataka - 562107
(LC No. 24700000573 of Kengeri Branch) Rakeshrai Perdala (Borrower) Sandhya (Co Borrower 1)	22-03-2024 / ₹ 3411311/-(₹ Thirty Four lakh Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Eleven Only) NPA (25-11-2023)	Flat No 110, 1st Floor Essjay Divine Bliss, 4th Main B H E L 2nd Stage Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 560098
(LC No. 24700000574 of Kengeri Branch) Rakeshrai Perdala (Borrower) Sandhya S (Co Borrower 1)	22-03-2024 / ₹ 2945715/- (₹ Twenty Nine lakh Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Only) NPA (25-11-2023)	Flat No 110 1st Floor Essjay Divine Bliss 4th Main B H E L 2nd Stage Bangalore Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka - 560098

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCHFL as aforesaid, PCHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place : BANGALORE - KARNATAKA
Date : 17.04.2024

Sd/- (Authorised Officer)
Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

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Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Registered Office:- 27 BKC , C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051
Corporate Identity No. L6511MH1985PLC038137,
Branch Office : Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., Kotak House, 22, M.G. Road, Bangalore - 560001.

APPENDIX-IV-A [REFER PROVISO TO RULE 8(6)]

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Cum Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Properties/Property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited,(Secured Creditor/Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited) will be Sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", AS IS WHAT IS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE"** is on **08.05.2024** for recovery of Bank dues of ₹.48,59,045/- (Rupees: Forty Eight Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Forty Five Only) due as on 15-03-2024 and payable to the Secured Creditor in addition to Interest, Costs and charges at contractual rate to the Secured Creditor from **1. Mr. Ramamurthy Arvind Chenjeri. 2. Mrs. Sowbhagya Lakshmi Seshagiri Rao & 3. Mr. Ramamurthy Srinivasamurthy,** all residing at No.25, Bagerathi Coconut Garden, Old Bank Colony, Near Hotel Surabhi, Konankunte, Bangalore – 560062, Karnataka – India, Short description of Immovable Properties/Property with known encumbrances and certain terms of the sale:-

Loan Account No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor (S)	Demand Notice Amount and Date	Reserve Price (RP)	EMD (10% of RP) and Last Date	Inspection Date & Time	Date of Auction & Time	Total Out Standing	Known Encum-brances, If Any,
ILAP 17167 (CRN-37316286).	1. Mr. Ramamurthy Arvind Chenjeri. Borrower 2. Mrs. Sowbhagya Lakshmi Seshagiri Rao & 3. Mr. Ramamurthy Srinivasamurthy (Co Borrower)	**Rs.63,92,607.91/-** (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred Seven and Paisa Ninety One Only) as on 19-07-2021	**₹. 7,23,15,376** (Rupees Seven Crores Twenty Three Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Three undred Seventy Six Only)	**₹. 72,31,537/-** (Rupees Seventy Two Lakh Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Seven Only) up to 07.05.2024 06:00 PM	On 26.04.2024 From 10:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M	On 08.05.2024 At 12.00 P.M to 1:00 PM	**₹. 46,35,282.13/-** (Rupees: Forty Six Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two and Paise Thirteen Only) due as on 19-12-2023.	Nil
Details of the Immovable Properties/ Property	**SCHEDULE - A :** All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing site No. 1M-310, 3rd Block, Hennur-Banasawadi Road (HRBR) Layout, Bangalore measuring East to West 24.40 mts, and North to South 15.25 mts. Totally measuring 372.10 sq.mts. and bounded on: **East:** Site No. 1M-311 **West:** 1st Main Road **North:** Site No. 1M-312 **South:** Site No. 1M-308 along with building thereon consisting Basement, Ground, First, Second, third and Terrace Floors with all basis amenities like water, electricity, etc. **SCHEDULE - B :** All that piece and parcel of the Second, Third and entire Terrance Floor constructed on the Schedule-A Property with proportionate to 2402.53 Sq ft undivided share, right, title, interest and claim over the land in schedule-A property including right to use common areas, such as stair case, lobby, lift, lift room, generator room and other common areas and exclusive right to use of covered car parking space measuring about 1450 sq ft in the basement floor and the second floor consisting of 3100 sq ft built-up area, Third floor consisting of 3100 sq ft built-up area and Terrance floor consisting of 1200 Sq ft built up area and the entire open space to sky in the Terrance floor.							

The Auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved Service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, at their web Portal **www.bankeauctions.com**.
The Authorised Officer shall have absolute discretion to cancel the e-auction at any point of time, without assigning any reason.
For detailed terms and conditions of E-Auction sale tender document containing online e-auction Bid Form, Declaration etc, Please refer to the link provided in **www.bankeauctions.com** & https://auctions.kotak.com/properties/auction-notices/ or Contact Mr. Sesha Srinivasan M Or by person Mr. Karun B, Mobile- (+919686812683)

Date : 17-04-2024
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- (Authorized Officer)
Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1,
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A. No. 1201/2022

BETWEEN :
AXIS BANK LIMITED,
... Applicant

AND
YOUSUF ENTERPRISES & ANOTHER
...Defendants

To,

1. Yousuf Enterprises, Represented By Its Proprietor Mr.Mohammed Hanif, No.8, Tippu Masjid Complex, RK Hegde Nagar, SRK Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 077.

2. Mr.Mohammed Hanif, S/o. Mr.Navab, No.111, 1st Cross, Balasi Krupa Layout, R K Hegde Nagar, SRK Nagar Post, Bangalore 560077.

Also At: Mr.Mohammed Hanif, No.1025, 6th Cross, RK Hegde Nagar, DR.SRK Nagar, Bangalore-560 077.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the Applicant bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs.36,77,502/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Two Rupees only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence ot show cause on **09.05.2024 at 10.30 AM** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice, that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **26th March 2024.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE.

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PARIS 2024

OLYMPIC FLAME LIT IN CRADLE OF ANCIENT GAMES

With 100 days to go for Paris Games, the Olympic torch relay begins in Greece amid fanfare on Tuesday

LIGHTING OF THE TORCH

Cloudy skies prevented the traditional lighting, when an actress dressed as an ancient Greek high priestess uses the sun to ignite a silver torch after offering prayer to Apollo, the Greek sun god. A backup flame was used instead of the parabolic mirror, which focuses the sunlight on a fuel-filled torch

FIRST & SECOND RUNNERS

The first torchbearer was Greek rower **Stefanos Douskos**, a Tokyo 2020 gold medalist. He ran to French Baron Pierre de Coubertin monument. Laure Manaudou, French swimmer who won medals at Athens in 2004 was next

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING, IT'S HISTORY

- A total of 600 Torchbearers will cover 5,000 km in 11 days, in 43 Greek municipalities. The route will highlight the friendship between Greece and France
- The flame will arrive in Marseille, France, by sea on May 8 and will be passed among 10,000 torchbearers during the relay in France over 69 days: from the greatest champions to anonymous people with extraordinary individual stories

July 26

OPENING CEREMONY
AUGUST 11: CLOSING

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

29 Maoists killed in biggest encounter

Top commanders among the dead in the joint operation by the BSF and DRG days ahead of Lok Sabha elections

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

SECURITY forces on Tuesday gunned down 29 Maoists, including senior cadre of the outlawed CPI (Maoist), in the biggest encounter in the history of Chhattisgarh. Officials said the Left-wing extremists were killed in an exchange of fire with the security forces at the inhospitable hilly terrain of Kalpad in Kanker — one of the seven Maoist-affected districts in Chhattisgarh.

Three security personnel were injured in the fierce gun battle and a large quantity of weapons was recovered from the spot, officials said.

The action by the security forces comes days before the commencement of the first phase of Lok Sabha elections. Chhattisgarh will have a three-phase election beginning April 19. So far this year, as many as 78 Left-wing extremists have been killed in the Bastar region, a Maoist stronghold.

In recent months, the security forces have stepped up anti-Maoist operations and taken the fight straight to the areas considered the strongholds of the rebels.

78 MAOISTS KILLED IN PAST 5 YRS IN BASTAR

- **6** Maoists killed in Bijapur — 27 MARCH
- **13** Maoists killed in Bijapur — 02 APRIL
- **3** killed along Chhattisgarh-Telangana border — 06 APRIL
- **29** Maoists killed in Kanker — 16 APRIL

Security personnel during an encounter with Maoists in Kanker on Tuesday | PTI

Commenting on Tuesday's operation, Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraj P said: "It was a successful intelligence-based operation launched by the Border Security Force (BSF) and Kanker District Reserve Force (DRG). So far, 29 bodies of Maoists, several automatic weapons and a huge cache of ammunition have been recovered."

According to sources, the security forces strategically took control of the area from three different directions to dominate their target in the region, where around 50 Maoists were believed to be present. The gunfight started at 1.30 pm and continued till 4.30 pm. BSF inspector Ramesh Choudhary and two personnel of DRG sustained injuries and were airlifted to Raipur for treatment.

The encounter spot was the tri-junction of Kanker-Abhujmaad-Gadchiroli.

Bastar police officials said top commanders of Maoists identified as Shankar Rao, Lalitha, and Raju have been eliminated in the operation.

Alok Kumar Singh, DIG, BSF said the operation was meticulously planned. "We made strategic moves and took positions at challenging points after reaching the spot from different directions to corner the Maoists. Their fast movements were consistently under our close observation. There were reliable inputs gathered from different agencies," he added.

The Opposition is spreading lies that we will change the Constitution. Brothers and sisters, you can note down that neither Modi nor the BJP or even Ambedkar can change it. Please stop spreading lies

Narendra Modi

All languages, religions, communities and castes have equal weightage in Constitution. That is what the RSS and Modi are trying to change. Congress will never let them do that

Rahul Gandhi

Even Ambedkar can't change the Constitution: PM

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday categorically ruled out the possibility of changing the Constitution, rubbishing Opposition allegations about a BJP plot to scrap it.

"Neither Modi nor the BJP or even Babasaheb Ambedkar who drafted the Constitution can change it," he declared at a rally in Gaya.

Modi's reaction came a day after RJD chief Lalu Prasad alleged that the BJP was trying to change the Constitution. Lalu added that the poor, the Dalits and the backward classes would not forgive the BJP and Modi if they try to rewrite the Constitution.

A day later, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi accused the BJP and the RSS of trying to destroy/change the Constitution, adding that was the only big issue of the general elections.

Lashing out at the Opposition, Modi said, "Those who insult the *Sanatan* should listen carefully that even in the Constituent Assembly that drafted the Constitution, 80-90% of the members were *Sanatanis*. These *Sanatanis* collaborated with Dr B R Ambedkar to create such an outstanding Constitution."

He further said, "For the Opposition, the Constitution may be a political tool, but for us, it is the cornerstone of our faith. Our government has continuously worked to strengthen the Constitution and bring its spirit to every citizen of the country."

At his Purnea rally, Modi reaffirmed his commitment to the welfare of the marginalised communities and protection of the Constitution. Attacking Lalu, he blamed the RJD for Bihar's backwardness. "The RJD ruled the state for several years and gave only two things—corruption and *goonda* raj," he charged, adding the regional party didn't have the guts to discuss the work done by its government.

Oil prices will go up if W Asia crisis escalates: EAM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar on Tuesday said that oil prices will go up if tensions in West Asia continue to mount and this would have grave consequences for India.

"This is going to translate into costs of imports, shipping, insurance, and energy costs, and again oil prices will go up," he said at an interaction with senior editors here.

India's main concern and focus right now is the ship (seized by Iran near the Strait of Hormuz) with 17 Indians and how to get them back, he said.

On the situation in the region, Dr Jaishankar said there was a lot of pressure on Israel to de-escalate. But the feeling is that Israel is different from the rest of the world. In the next few days, they will see pressures within Israel versus pressures from the rest of the world, and how it will play out. P11

Human intervention in polling and counting can lead to further problems: SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

HUMAN intervention in the polling and counting process could lead to further problems and biases, the Supreme Court observed on Tuesday as it deprecated calls for reverting to ballot papers on the assumption that EVMs are untrustworthy. The observations were made by a bench of judges Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Dutta while hearing a batch of pleas seeking 100% count of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPAT) slips in elections.

At the outset, senior advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the NGO Association for Democratic Reforms, talked about how some European countries have abandoned EVMs and reverted to paper ballots. The bench rejected this, citing incidents of "booth capturing" in the past. "We are in our 60s. We all know what happened when there were ballot papers, you may have, but we have not forgotten," Justice Khanna said.

Justice Datta asked how can small European countries be compared with India. "West Bengal has more population than Germany. We need to repose some trust and faith on somebody. Don't try to bring down the system like this," he added.

The bench said it will check if there are any loopholes and asked the Election Commission to explain the entire process of voting and counting through EVMs. The hearing will resume on Thursday. The first phase of LS elections begins on Friday.

BEATING THE HEAT

With temperatures on an upward swing, sloth bear Manu cools off by taking a dip in a pond at Mysuru Zoo | UDAYASHANKAR S

MALLIKARJUN KHARGE

'CENTRE SUPPRESSING OPPN PARTIES'

This election is different from the earlier ones. There is no level playing ground. The Union government is interfering, harassing and suppressing opposition parties, says AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge | INTERVIEW: P11

12.9L stickers to boost B'luru voter turnout

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

ELECTION officials have prepared a list of constituencies and booths where the voting percentage is less. Now, to increase the voting percentage in such booths, the officials have launched a door-to-door campaign, appealing to people to come out and vote.

They also speak to them to know the reasons for not voting and if they need any assistance or facilities to exercise their franchise. Further, the officials would put stickers on the doors and walls of houses of voters with an appeal to them to come out and vote on the polling day.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has printed 12.9 lakh stickers to be stuck on the doors and walls of houses in the booths where the voting percentage is less.The Election Commission of India has noted that the national voting average is 67.40%. P4

BIG FIGHT FOR SUPREMACY IN VOKKALIGA HEARTLAND

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

EVEN as the mercury touched 39°C, the battle for the 'Gowda land' of Mandya hit a new high with two Vokkaliga titans — former chief minister and JDS candidate H D Kumaraswamy and Karnataka Congress president D K Shiva Kumar —going all out to establish their supremacy.

Kumaraswamy has for the first time entered the fray from Mandya, where his son lost to independent candidate Sumalatha Ambareesh by a margin of 1.25 lakh votes in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. But with the JDS forging a pre-poll alliance with the BJP, the political balance has changed. Kumaraswamy is facing one of the richest Congress candidates, Venkataramane Gowda, popularly known as 'Star Chandru', who declared assets worth ₹223 crore.

SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

The JDS leader is talking about problems faced by farmers due to drought, damaged crops and irrigation canals, and blaming the state government for releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

After its drubbing in the assembly polls, the Lok Sabha elections is a do-or-die battle for the JDS, especially in Mandya. A victory in the general elections could reignite hopes for the party's revival, as it was trounced in seven of the eight assembly segments in Mandya. It also lost the recent Legislative Council elections.

Although former prime minister H D Deve Gowda is campaigning in Bangalore Rural, Hassan, Tumkur and other constituencies, Kumaraswamy is the star campaigner for the regional party. Apart from JDS nominees, he is also campaigning for BJP candidates. However, he is yet to reach out to the Mandya hinterland.

ILLUSTRATION: MANDAR PARDIKAR

While Kumaraswamy accused Star Chandru of being a money bag, the Congress branded the former as an outsider. Star Chandru does not have the stature ot experience of Kumaraswamy. Yet, the going is getting tough for Kumaraswamy.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar are campaigning extensively in the constituency, which will decide the future of the Vokkaliga political leadership in the state. They are also reaching out to microscopic communities, including minorities, Dalits and backward classes with a wider social spectrum as they comprise more than 9 lakh.

If Kumaraswamy fails to win Mandya, it would dent the prospects of the JDS and his bargaining power with the prime minister, though he is keen to extend the alliance till the next assembly polls.

EXPRESS READ

Part of Hebbal flyover to be closed, BTP issues advisory

Bengaluru: With the KR Puram up-ramp of Hebbal flyover to be closed for all vehicular traffic except two-wheelers, for the next six months, the Bengaluru Traffic Police has issued an advisory on alternative routes for motorists | P4

Glanders outbreak: Horse to be put down today

Bengaluru: The state government has confirmed the outbreak of Glanders disease in Bengaluru after two horses were reportedly found to be infected. While one of the horses died on Tuesday, the other will be put down on Wednesday | P5

Dwarakish, a legend who carved a new path

A SHARADHAA @ Bengaluru

IN the colourful world of cinema, few etch their names with such daring strokes as to become legends in their own right. Such was the tale of the renowned filmmaker affectionately called Prachanda Kulla – none other than **Dwarakish**. With a spirit unbound, Dwarakish fearlessly delved into ventures that only the boldest could dare to dream. Behind the illustrious moniker lay the humble soul of Bungle Shama Rao Dwarakanath fondly known as Dwarakish, a name given by Kannada filmmaker CV Shivashankar. His journey was not marked by mere victories or defeats, but by the unwavering pursuit of what he deemed right in the moment. As we bid adieu to a visionary filmmaker, let us not only commemorate his role as an actor, director, and producer, but also the fearless ethos that propelled him forward, leaving an indelible mark on the canvas of cinematic history. P7

DUPED ONLINE

In just 2 months, B'luru loses ₹240cr to cybercrime

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IN just two months, Bengalureans lost a whopping Rs 240 crore to cybercrime with only over Rs 56 crore or 23.6% of the total amount being recovered. Generally, the detection rate of cybercrimes seems to be declining over the years.

In 2022, it stood at 22.8%, dropping to 8.1% in 2023 and plummeting further to a mere 1.36% in 2024 (from January to February). Within 60 days in 2024, 3,151 cybercrime cases were registered. Of these, 828 cases involved job fraud and only 11 have been detected. According to data, individuals have collectively lost over Rs 63.8 crore to job fraud scams alone.

"In each cybercrime, at least 200 mule bank accounts (used to transfer and receive money acquired illegally on behalf of others) are involved. Previously, victims were defrauded with smaller sums of money, with fewer accounts being involved. However, in the current trend, victims are provided with details of at least over 10 bank accounts. Subsequently, funds are transferred in small increments between multiple accounts, with the previous ones being swiftly blocked. Given the trend, detection will soon become exceedingly challenging or even impossible," said Shiva Prakash Devaraju, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic (South), who was heading the Special Investigating Team involving Job Frauds.

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Now, you can book cabs on Namma Yatri

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NOW, you can book cabs using the Namma Yatri app. With 25,000 cabbies onboard, the app aims to include one lakh drivers in the next six months.

Namma Yatri said it aims to address the issues of high commissions and lack of transparency, and is dedicated to a lifetime zero-commission, direct-to-driver model.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, who launched the cab service here on Tuesday, said, "Namma Yatri is Karnataka's homegrown app. Its community-centric approach and pioneering efforts in driver welfare has set a commendable precedent. I applaud their commitment to innovation, transparency and inclusivity, and wish them success."

Shaik Salauddin, national general secretary, Indian Federation of App Based Transport Workers (IFAT), said, "We congratulate Namma Yatri for developing a direct-to-driver, open-mobility platform to empower our community and offer fair pay and mutual respect. It will amplify welfare schemes for gig and platform workers."

Namma Yatri said its cabs, like its autos, will prioritise transparency and efficiency. It offers cab services -- non-AC mini, AC mini, Sedan and XL Cab -- catering to diverse customer needs. The non-AC mini cab, a unique addition, seeks to address frequent misunderstandings between drivers and customers regarding AC usage. It sets clear service expectations and competitive pricing for budget-conscious customers while promoting eco-friendly rides.

The app will soon introduce inter-city, rentals and scheduled rides and open up across Karnataka. It will also accommodate special requests like disability-friendly rides, extra luggage, travelling with pets and trips to public transport hubs.

Rules needed to fix responsibility on pet owners: HC

'Panel should delve into responsible ownership'

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OBSERVING that it is not only those dogs that are branded ferocious that can inflict injuries on people and animals and any dog can become ferocious, the Karnataka High Court said it is necessary to issue certain guidelines under relevant rules to fix the responsibility on pet owners.

The court suggested that the Central government's three rules -- the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing) Rules, 2017 and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Pet Shop) Rules, 2018 -- can be considered to issue such guidelines.

"A dog bite is a dog bite, be it from a branded ferocious dog or any other dog. Pet owners would become solely responsible for the act of their dogs, if they are ferocious or dangerous. The pet owners have kept them despite their characteristics being projected, they should act responsibly. The appropriately constituted committee should delve upon the concept of responsible pet ownership to be protected, and irresponsible pet ownership penalised," said Justice M Nagaprasanna, while quashing the circular issued by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying banning 23 dog breeds identifying them as ferocious and dangerous to human life.

The court noted that such a blanket psychological thought process will not solve the problem, and it is for dog owners to act responsibly so that their pets do not harm any citizens/other living beings.

It is the pet owners who would become responsible for the safekeeping of citizens and other animals around the area. They are to be held accountable for any kind of irresponsible pet ownership, it added.

KR Puram up-ramp of Hebbal flyover closed for 6 months, take alternative routes

Bengaluru Traffic Police has issued an advisory in connection with work taken up by Bangalore Development Authority to add two additional tracks to Hebbal flyover. Two spans of the existing KR Puram ramp need to be dismantled at the junction where the ramp joins the main track. From Wednesday, the KR Puram up-ramp of Hebbal flyover will be closed for all vehicular traffic except two-wheelers, for the next six months.

Commuters from Nagawara (ORR) going towards the city via Mehkri Circle can go to Hebbal Circle below the flyover, take a right towards Kodigehalli, then take a U-turn to join the service road and further join the loop towards the city

Commuters coming from KR Puram side towards the city are requested to use alternative routes: IOC-Mukunda Theatre Road, Lingarajapuram flyover route and Nagawara-Tannery Road

Commuters coming from Hegdenagar-Thanisandra may use GKVK-Jakkur Road

Commuters going from KR Puram towards Yeshwantpur can move straight below Hebbal flyover towards BEL Circle, take a left turn at BEL Circle to reach Sadashivanagar Police Station Junction, take a right turn and move towards IISc and onwards to Yeshwanthpur

Commuters travelling towards KIA from KR Puram, Hennur, HRBR Layout, Banaswadi, KG Halli and surrounding areas are requested to use the Hennur-Bagalur Road to reach the airport

LS polls: Sec 144 from April 24

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

PROHIBITORY orders under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) will be imposed across the city from 6 pm on April 24 till midnight of April 26 to ensure free and fair voting for the Lok Sabha elections. Sale of alcohol will be prohibited in the jurisdiction of Bengaluru City Police Commissionerate during the period, said City Police Commissioner B Dayananda at a press conference on Tuesday.

There will be restrictions on campaigning, canvassing, public speeches and large gatherings of people within 100 metre of polling booths as well as restrictions on displaying posters and using mobile phones, the commissioner said The rules will be applicable on the day of results, from midnight of June 3 to midnight of June 4, Dayananda added.

KIA sees highest passenger traffic of 37.53 mn in '24

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THE Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) recorded its highest ever passenger traffic as well as cargo growth during the financial year 2023-2024. It catered to a whopping 37.53 million passengers and 4,39,524 metric tonnes of cargo.

An official release said the airport catered to 32.6 million domestic and 4.67 million international passengers during this period. "The airport's domestic sector recorded a growth of 17% while the international sector recorded a growth of 23%. The overall growth reached 18%," it said. The highest daily passenger figure since its inception in May 2008 was recorded on April 29, 2023, at 1,16,688.

Satyaki Raghunath, Chief Operating Officer of airport operator Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), said, "As we reflect on the past financial year, it's been a landmark period with the highest passenger and cargo figures ever recorded in our airport's history. We have also seen an increase in the number of airlines as well as destinations we connect to. Our position as the No.1 airport for processing perishable cargo for the third consecutive year highlights our steadfast commitment to advancing cargo development facilities. With the successful launch of Terminal 2 and partnerships with leading airlines and cargo operators, we are poised to solidify our position as the premier gateway to South and Central India."

KIA also saw a remarkable increase in air traffic movements (ATMs) of 2,45,880 recorded during FY '24.

New routes

FY '24 saw the launch of several new airlines and routes, including Air India Express, Alliance Air, and Fly91 on the domestic front and Manta Air, Maldivian Airlines and Thai Lion Air contributing to enhanced international connectivity. Internationally, new routes to Munich, Dhaalu, Phuket and Denpasar have been introduced.

In addition, Virgin Atlantic started daily flights from Bengaluru to London Heathrow in the last week of March 2024. On the domestic front, it has expanded its routes to destinations such as Salem, Shivamogga, Aurangabad, Jharsuguda, Ayodhya, Hirasar Rajkot, Nanded and Sindhudurg.

FLYERS GALORE
37.53 mn
passengers in FY 24
is the highest since airport opening in May 2008
Financial year | Passenger traffic (in mn)
2019-2020 | 32.26
2020-2021 | 10.91
2021-2022 | 16.29
2022-2023 | 31.91
2023-2024 | 37.53
CARGO GROWTH
Cargo recorded a total throughput of 4,39,524 metric tonnes in FY '24, reflecting a notable 7.1% increase from the preceding financial year.
BUSIEST DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS
Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Pune
TOP INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS:
Dubai, Singapore, Doha, Bangkok, and Abu Dhabi

Students take the Hippocratic Oath during the St John's convocation on Tuesday

283 GET DEGREES AT ST JOHN'S CONVOCATION

Bengaluru : As many as 283 students, including 148 MBBS students, 109 postgraduates, 24 super specialty postgraduates and two PhD scholars, received their degrees during the 57th Annual Convocation and College Day of St John's Medical College on Tuesday. Sixteen postgraduate students came in the top 5 university ranking in Karnataka. Three of them received the university gold medal – Dr Jeganish in Community Medicine, Dr Shawn Serrao in Psychiatry and Dr Arkaja Tripathy in Radiation Oncology. Ten of the 24 super speciality PG students secured the top 5 university ranks in the state. Four of them also secured the university first rank – Dr Priyanka J in Critical Care, Dr Anjali S Raj in Neonatology, Dr Dyan D'Souza in Pediatric Surgery and Dr Devamish GN in Gastroenterology. Tessy Thomas, former director general of Aeronautical Systems, DRDO, also known as the 'The Missile Woman of India' and currently Vice-Chancellor of NICHE University, Kanyakumari, was the chief guest. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

IT firms told to grant leave with pay on polling day

District Election Officer and Bruhat BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said the management of IT and BT companies have been instructed to give their employees leave on polling day. Speaking to the media after a meeting with representatives of tech firms on Tuesday, he said, "The government has already issued an order to grant leave with pay to staffers in all IT-BT organisations. Everyone has been informed about it and all companies have agreed to it." **ENS**

EV charging firms join hands for inter-operability

To accelerate adoption of electric vehicles across India, leading players in India's electric vehicle (EV) charging services, Statiq and GLIDA (formerly known as Fortum Charge & Drive India), have entered into a partnership. Through this, all public chargers under GLIDA charging network can be used through Statiq App as well offering users visibility and accessibility to GLIDA's entire charging network, covering existing and upcoming chargers. **ENS**

Applications invited for MSc in Conservation Practice

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) and The University of Trans- Disciplinary Health Sciences and Technology (TDU) have invited applications for their joint MSc (Environmental Studies) course in Conservation Practice. The last date for submission of the applications is May 15. Interested candidates can contact masters@atree.org or admissions@tdu.edu.in for information. The degree will be awarded by TDU. **ENS**

Wilson Garden crematorium shut from tomorrow

The Wilson Garden electric crematorium in BBMP South Zone will be shut for nine days from Thursday, to carry out maintenance works. "At least once a year, electric crematoriums should be serviced and the coils changed. Last week, we serviced the electric crematorium at Banashankari and now we will fix the Wilson Garden crematorium," said SC Ramanjaneya, Executive Engineer, BBMP. The public to take the deceased to Chamarajpet crematorium. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

17th April : Did you know that you are more likely to consult your doctor in the six days after the Full Moon? Well, you are! But why should this be? One possibility is that we are more emotional and more likely to imagine that we are ill. Another is that the Moon has speeded up our bodily functions - and we really are ill!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The situation is quite complex. By all means trust in partners who claim to have your interests at heart, but keep one eye open for a whirlwind confrontation which could blow up, apparently from nowhere. It's a day for unusual solutions, and even stranger decisions.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
With others' help you really can improve your financial situation. But do you really want to become wealthier or is it a deeper sort of fulfilment that attracts you? You may not be entirely clear about your next move, though. But then it's good to have an open mind.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You could not have known until now just how far you are about to travel, but even so, it's unlikely that your journey will be completed before another five or six months have passed. You're obviously half-way through a long-term cycle, but only just setting out on a major emotional phase.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Mars is positively aspected to your chart, while the Sun makes friendly noises, adding up to a passionate configuration that is right up your street. Indulge your fantasies while you can, leaving 'real' life to look after itself. Your attitude to partnerships is wonderfully poetic.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You're coming heavily under the sway of the Moon. This may make you feel slightly wobbly, emotionally, especially this evening when events may not go according to plan. At the same time you must listen to your intuition. You will be able to make the most of your many hopes and schemes very soon, so don't lose heart.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There are some major professional issues to be faced, and it may be necessary to take a tougher line than you've so often done in the past. Now is the time to make a bold start in rectifying silly mistakes. After all, if there's one thing you're good at, it's patching up problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Your major concern seems to be finances, and it is becoming increasingly clear that before the week is out you will be forced to rearrange your budget. Perhaps more emphasis should be given to your long-term savings and security, and you'd better cut down on unnecessary costs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Excellent alignments from Mars and Jupiter are just what are needed to moderate the harder and more ruthless aspects of your nature. This is an outcome to be desired for the simple reason that you are much harder on yourself than with the people who really deserve it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Partners and loved ones who have been taken aback by your determination must be reassured if you wish to maintain harmonious relationships. Your ability to soothe them will be impressive. In love, it's time to take unusual options, or miss an amazing chance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You may not be entirely happy with the current direction that events seem to be taking. However, don't panic just yet. Changes which take place soon will sweep current doubts clean away. Although you're perfectly open and honest at the moment, there are still feelings you're keeping to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Colleagues who have put a foot out of line at work will learn to regret their impudence. This is the time for you to flex your professional muscles, remembering that confrontational tactics are not, in themselves, sufficient to guarantee a successful outcome.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The Sun and Pluto are increasing their power over your dreams, enhancing your vision and sense of destiny. Seldom have the planets been more encouraging to the mystical and spiritual qualities of your sign. And, if you do nothing else, you should develop your artistic skills.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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4	8	7	2	5	1	3	9	6
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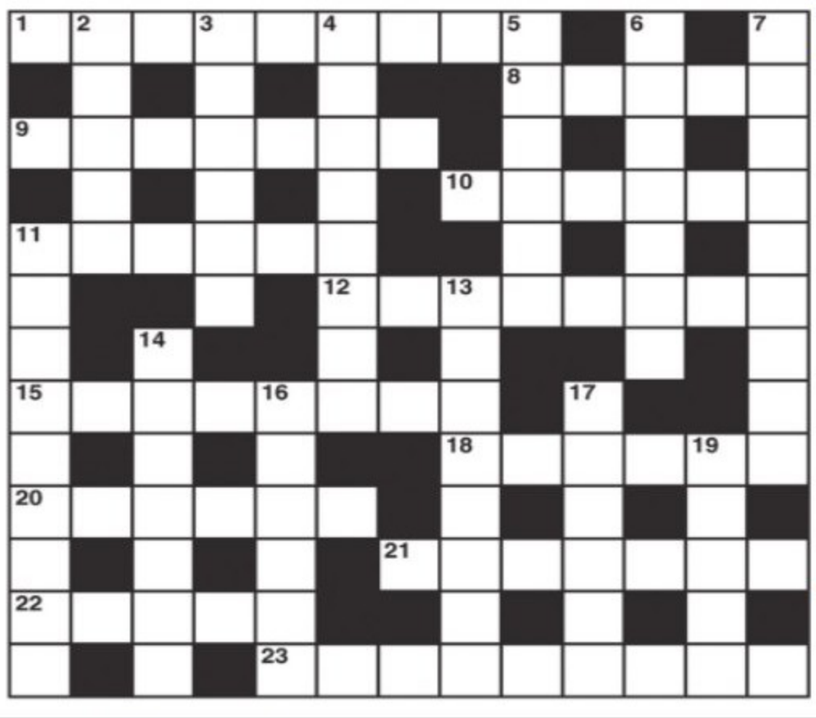
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Change gear as temporary measure (9)
8 Check the advance of a sick man's comeback (5)
9 Splitting hairs in divorce (7)
10 Disliking some poetry (6)
11 There's your hidden error (6)
12 Hole-in-the-middle mint (5-3)
15 It doesn't hurt when father's away from home more (8)
18 One who cares to make an offer (6)
20 Demanding like royalty can be? (6)
21 Unusually angered and upset (7)
22 The poet's muse tore out a heart (5)
23 A fresh run on the daily presses (9)

DOWN
2 Unable to sleep because of an all-night party (5)
3 One of two or one in three perhaps (6)
4 Comb manufacturer (5,3)
5 The first French composer to go abroad (6)
6 Boxed in the yard; finished bloodstained (7)
7 Sad boy is indication of imminent departure (4,5)
11 Wives assist officers at sea (9)
13 Upright but lacking energy (8)
14 Money that's not well-earned (4,3)
16 Place to find capital in Britain (6)
17 Not just dark? (6)
19 Urge preparation for breakfast? (3,2)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Piccolo, 4 Cargo, 7 Inch, 8 Admonish, 10 Enterprise, 12 Bright, 13 Libido, 15 Embankment, 18 Guardian, 19 Port, 20 Tides, 21 Enhance.

Down: 1 Prime, 2 Cocktail, 3 Orders, 4 Chopsticks, 5 Rail, 6 Othello, 9 Archimedes, 11 Pipe down, 12 Brought, 14 Karate, 16 Title, 17 Paid.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

RYEDB

EWTSE

BGOTEL

DUCOYL

I'm not getting paid enough for this.
You're getting paid?
Now what?
This is our last cassette.
THE MOVIE BEING FILMED IN DEATH VALLEY HAD A ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: OMEGA AGILE FONDLY UTOPIA
Answer: Timex would become one of the most-enduring brands of wristwatches — ALL IN GOOD TIME

CCB sleuths arrested a man and seized 291 banned e-cigarettes, 240 cigarettes of foreign brands, 336 hookah flavours and 100 hookah pots, worth Rs 22 lakh in total. Two other suspects are yet to be arrested. A police case has been registered

HORSE INFECTED WITH GLANDERS TO BE EUTHANISED TODAY

Outbreak in city, handlers and 1,200 horses across dist to be tested

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

TWO horses were reportedly infected with Glanders disease in Bengaluru. Of the two, one horse died on Tuesday, and the other will be put down on Wednesday. Confirming the outbreak, the state government said it is rapidly spreading awareness to control the disease.

According to the animal husbandry and fisheries department, "There is an outbreak of Glanders in horses belonging to Khalid Shariff, on Modi Road, DJ Halli, Bengaluru North taluk. It is the epicentre of the outbreak. As per Section-6 of the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Animals Act-2009, a 5-km radius from the epicentre is declared as 'infected zone' and an area of 5-25km radius is declared as 'surveillance zone'. Restrictions have been imposed on the movement of equines, donkeys and mules in and outside the notified area."

Department director Manjunath Palegar told *TNIE* on Tuesday that it is the first time the disease was reported in Bengaluru. Three years ago, a case was reported in Mysuru and prior to that, in Bidar.

As a routine exercise, blood samples of horses were collected for testing. During assessment, two horses were found to be infected. One horse died on Tuesday, and since there is no cure for the disease, it was decided that the other horse will be euthanized on Wednesday.

"We cull all horses which are infected with the disease. It was done in two other districts too. As per Central government orders, the owner is given compensation of Rs 25,000 for a horse and Rs 16,000 for donkeys/ pony/ mules," Palegar said.

Contagious and fatal disease

Glanders is a contagious and fatal disease that infects horses, donkeys and mules and is caused by the bacterium Burkholderia mallei. It causes nodules and ulcers in the respiratory tracts and lungs. A skin form also occurs, called farcy. The disease is controlled through regular screening. "Since the zoonotic disease can be transmitted to humans, the animal handlers will undergo tests. Though the ministry has ordered that people should be tested only if they show any symptoms, we will check all the handlers as it can rapidly affect their organs and cause death. There are 1,200 horses in Bengaluru and all of them will be checked. We will also ask for test reports of racehorses as a precautionary measure," an official said.

TIME FOR TRADITION

A special puja under way at Sri Dharmaraya Swamy Temple, ahead of the Karaga festival, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. The Karaga procession is slated to take place on April 23 | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Overhead tank water poisoned in attempt to kill woman, son

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

A 52-year-old woman filed a complaint after she found out that her overhead tank water was poisoned. Rajamma, a resident of 1st main road in Agrahara Layout, sensed a foul smell coming from the water, while she was cooking, and sent her son to check if anything had fallen inside the tank. Her son Chandrashekar checked the tank, he found a packet inside. Suspecting it to be poison, she immediately called the police control room. The Hoysala patrolling team that inspected the spot advised her to file a police complaint.

The incident came to light on Thursday morning between 10.30 am and 11 am, and Rajamma filed a complaint on Saturday.

"Rajamma and her brother Manjunath were disputing a civic matter involving the house she is staying in, and it is said that the civic court's order came in Rajamma's favour. Manjunath had filed a case again, but the matter was dismissed. Angered by this, Manjunath and his son Kushal Kumar allegedly kept threatening Rajamma of dire consequences. In her complaint, Rajamma stated that her neighbours had seen Manjunath walk on their terrace when she and her son were not at home," said an investigating officer.

According to the complainant, Manjunath and his son allegedly poisoned the overhead tank, in order to kill Rajamma and her son, and get the house vacated.

"The case is still under investigation. Nobody has been arrested yet. After the complaint was filed, Rajamma's mother is claiming to have put the powder inside the overhead tank, after she found worms and insects in the water. This statement might be an attempt to mislead the investigation," the officer added.

The Sampigehalli police have registered a case against Manjunath and his son under IPC 328, IPC 504 and IPC 506. Further investigations are on.

'Cybercrime victims should report cases within an hour'

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"WHEN it comes to cybercrimes, the trend keeps changing, and the nature and complexity of crimes keep evolving. Just as we attempt to find a breakthrough in a case, the trend changes and new features are added," DCP Devaraju added. In all the cases busted so far, masterminds orchestrating the crimes consistently evade arrest because of various factors, like multiple layers involved in the crimes and the complexity of tracing IP addresses, the senior officer said. Each fraudster operates in coordination with others, yet none of them are aware of each others' identity, he added.

The mastermind conceals it through layers of smaller scams, ensuring that each participant receives a share of the profits. Additionally, those who provide details to create mule accounts also sometimes receive commissions, he added. Those based in Karnataka may trace their activities to Dubai or other parts of the country to complicate the investigation. Even if this fact is suspected or known, confirmation remains difficult. Virtual private networks (VPNs) are used and emails are sent through Proton, an encrypted platform. The crime is scaled up so much that tracing it back to its origin is not just challenging but impossible, he explained.

Once the money is transferred into a mule account, the fraudsters swiftly move the funds across multiple bank accounts and eventually close all the accounts. By the time authorities begin tracing, the accounts are either blocked or linked to individuals unaware of the account's existence, he said. Kuldeep Kumar Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police, East, who was heading the SIT involving the FedEx courier scam, said, "Cracking cybercrime requires continuous follow-ups with financial institutions. Procedures to extend loans and opening bank accounts should be rigorous. Also, victims should promptly report cases within an hour. Detecting cybercrime is not solely the responsibility of the police, but also that of the public and banks."

EXPRESS READ

Swimming coach among two drug peddlers nabbed

BENGALURU: The Anti-Narcotics Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) have arrested two drug peddlers, including a foreign national, in separate operations and seized contraband worth Rs 11.75 lakh. In one incident, 27-year-old Ammadou Sidibe Boubacar, hailing from an East African country, was nabbed on April 4 for peddling 24 gram of cocaine worth Rs 1.75 lakh. He had come to India in 2016 on a student visa. The CK Achukattu police have booked him under the NDPS Act. In another operation, Rizwan Razak from Kerala, who was a swimming coach at a private sports club, was arrested on Saturday with 5.5 kg of drugs worth Rs 10 lakh. A case has been registered at Begur police station limits.

HC exempts advocates from wearing black coat in district, trial courts in summer

BENGALURU: The Karnataka High Court has exempted advocates practising in district and trial courts across the state from wearing black coats while attending the proceedings during summer, starting from April 18 to May 31, 2024. Instead, the advocates can wear a plain white shirt, white salwar kameez of any sober colour, saree of any sober colour with plain white neck bands, instead of regular prescribed dress, said KS Bharath Kumar, Registrar General of the High Court, in the circular issued on Tuesday. It was stated in the circular that the full court on Tuesday resolved to exempt the advocates from wearing the black coat while attending the court proceedings, in view of representation submitted by the president of Advocates' Association of Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

[LOST AND FOUND]

General public are hereby notified that, my client Sri. R. Madhu S/o. Sri. R. Radhakrishna Rao, residing at Vijayaraja Estate, Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District, has lost during transit the original registered Release Deed bearing Document No. BYP-1-01622-2021-22, C.D. No. BYPD884 registered on 03.07.2021 in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Byatarayanapura Village, within the jurisdiction of Kothanur Police Station, Hennur Main Road, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk executed by Smt. R. Sushma D/o. Sri. R. Radhakrishna Rao in favour of her brother Sri. R. Madhu S/o. Sri. R. Radhakrishna Rao, in respect of the properties described in the said document. Despite strenuous search by my client, the above said original Release Deed could not be secured or found.

Therefore, my client has already lodged a complaint with the Kothanur Police Station on 10.04.2024 about the loss of the above original document giving full particulars of the document lost, as required u/s 155 of the Criminal Procedure Code vide Lost Report No. 1009893/2024. The jurisdictional police have acknowledged receipt of the complaint dated 10.04.2024 and issued an acknowledgment in respect of the same.

My client requests the general public or any person, who has found the original of the above document to deliver to the undersigned and my client would reward the person who delivers the above document to my client suitably.

PRAKASH T. HEBBAR, Advocate
No. SF-17, 2nd Floor, Hameed Shah Complex,
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Bengaluru, Date : 17.04.2024

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APPENDIX-IV
POSSESSION NOTICE
[RULE 8 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of **Aditya Birla Finance Limited** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) (SARFAESI Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **25.10.2023** calling upon **Mr. V G PRANAV, Mr. VENUGOPAL GANGADHARAN PRANAV, Ms. HARISH SINDHU. as Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 60,53,478.60/- (Rupees Sixty Lakh Fifty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight and Sixty Paise Only) as on 18.10.2023**. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till the date of payment/realization.

The borrower and co-borrower despite being served with the said notice and having failed to repay the entire notice amount together with further interest and other charges, notice was given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned had taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **12.01.2024**. Further paper publication was affected in two newspapers on **14.01.2024** as contemplated by the SARFAESI Act.

In the above circumstances on this **15th Day of April, 2024** the undersigned Authorized Officer had taken **Physical Possession** of the property mentioned herein below after taking inventory of materials available in the said property under Section 14 of the SARFAESI Act.

The borrower and co-borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Aditya Birla Finance Limited** for an amount of **Rs. 60,53,478.60/- (Rupees Sixty Lakh Fifty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight and Sixty Paise Only)** as on **18.10.2023**. together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till the date of payment/realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Description of the Immovable Property

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing flat No.202 and 203, new No.202/3, on the first floor, measuring 548 Sq. Feet of super built up area along with 153 Sq. feet of undivided share and 1008 Sq. Feet of super built up area along with 281 Sq. Feet of undivided share, with one car parking space, building known as SLV Paradise, formed on Amalgamated BBMP Khata No.24/41/1. Survey No.44/1, converted vide No.ALN(E)SR(KR.HO)124 and 125/2012-13 dated 15.01.2013, situated at Kyalasanahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of BBMP and bounded on : East by : Road and Private Property; West by : Survey No.44/1; North by : Road and Private Property; South by : Survey No.39".

PLACE : Bangalore **Authorised Officer**
DATE : 15.04.2024 **(Aditya Birla Finance Limited)**
LAN: ABBANLAP000000510613 **9686701466**

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, No.11/ 90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospital, J.C.Road, Bangalore - 560002, Phone: 080-25943678/25943663, E-MAIL: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

A/c No: 64121954760/ SARB

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the **State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch (05173) Bangalore,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated *09.02.2024*** calling upon the **Borrower : M/s. Raghavendra Wines, # 1, Railway station Road, Channapatana - 562160 (Since Deceased Represented by Legal Heirs) 1) K Venkatesh S/o Late C. Krishna, 2) MK Girishprasad S/o Late C. Krishna (Legal Heir & Guarantor), 3) MK Harishprasad S/o Late C. Krishna, All Residing @ # 2013/A3, Vishvanath Layout, (Maralu holla), Mangalwarpet, MG Badavane, Channapatana - 562160**. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 49,89,291/- (Rupees Forty- Nine Lakh Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-One Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Mortgagers the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, ***on this 16-04-2024.***

The Borrower,/Mortgager in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount ***Rs.51,45,810/-*** **(Rupees Fifty One lakh Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ten Only) as on *15.04.2024 and interest from 15.04.2024 & Costs* & charges thereon,** till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing municipal katha No. 707/2, Door No 342-1/1/A-2/1, situated at MG Road, Railway station Road, A- Division Channapatna Town & Taluk, Ramanagaram District, **belonging to Smt. Sarojamm W/o Krishna C** Measuring: East to West-63 feet & North to South - 22 feet and bounded on: **East by:** Property of FM Asifuddin Ahammed, **West by :** Railway station Road, **North by:** Syed Hashim, **South by :** Property of Syed Mahaboob

Date: 16.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA**
Place: Bangalore Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bangalore.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	45349420001018	1) Mr. Raghavendra N, Also at: M/s. Raghavendra Travels, 2) Mrs. Roopa Devi, W/o. Mr. Raghavendra N, 3) Mrs. H D Revamma	08.02.2024 Rs.11,29,972.04 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Two and Four Paisa Only) due as on 06-02-2024	Date: 15-04-2024 Time: 03:55 PM Symbolic Possession

Description of the Property: Schedule 'A' Property (Entire Property): All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing BBMP Khatha No.583/27/11 & 12, Property Register No.583, Site No.11 & 12, formed in property bearing No.27, situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahallihobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Ward No.160 measuring East to West 60 Ft and North to South 50 Ft, totally measuring 3000 Sq.ft and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.13, **West by:** Site No.10, **North by:** Site No.4 & 3, **South by:** Road.

Schedule 'B' Property (Property herein conveyed): All that piece and parcel of the immovable 2BHK residential Apartment/ Flat bearing Unit No.FF-2, First Floor in the multi storied building Known as "S K RESIDENCY", with Super built up area of 975 Sq.ft and 200 Sq.ft of undivided right, title and interest in schedule A property along with one covered car parking area baring No.FF-2 in the basement with Cauvery water and borewell water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies lifts, staircase and other areas of common use etc.

Details of the Property: 1) Super built up area: 975 Sq.ft. **2)** Undivided interest: Equivalent or 200 Sq.ft. **3)** Walls: Cement bricks. **4)** Flooring: Vitrified. **5)** Ceiling: RCC. **6)** Doors: Main door & pooja door Teak wood other door frames with Salwood with flush shutters. **7)** Windows: Aluminum windows with Safety M S grills. **8)** Flat: First Floor, Flat No.FF-2. **9)** Amenities: Electricity, Cauvery water & bore well, water, sanitary.

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken symbolic possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 17.04.2024 **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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FORM NO. NCLT. 3A
[Rule 35 of National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016]
ADVERTISEMENT DETAILING PETITION
BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL,
CHENNAI BENCH
CP/(CAA)/No.16/2024 Connected With CA/(CAA)/No/54/2023

In the Matter of the Companies Act, 2013
And
In the Matter of Sections 230 to 232 read with other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013
And
In The Matter of the Scheme of Amalgamation of Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited with Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited

Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited
a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, having its Registered Office at No. 4, Burkit Road, T. Nagar, Chennai-600 017, Tamil Nadu, Represented by Ms. Subhasri Sriram, Director

....Petitioner Company / Transferor Company

NOTICE OF PETITION

A Petition under Sections 230-232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (**"Petition"**) seeking an Order for sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation of Shriram LI Holdings Private Limited with Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited (**"Scheme"**) was presented by the Petitioner Company on February 21, 2024 and the same was heard on March 13, 2024. By an Order dated March 13, 2024, the said Petition is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench on May 29, 2024, for considering the approval of the Scheme as sought for.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner Company's Advocates at the address mentioned below, notice of his / her intention, signed by him / her or his / her Advocate along with appropriate authorization, with his / her name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner Company's Advocates not later than two days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he / she seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition along with a copy of his / her affidavit shall be furnished with such notice.

A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Dated at Chennai this the 16th day of April 2024

Sd/-
Advocate for Petitioner Company
Preeti Mohan
No.5, 1st and 2nd Floor,
8th Street, R.K Salai, Mylapore,
Chennai - 600 004.

FORM NO. NCLT. 3A
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>
> Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC president

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PHASE-3 MAY 7

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PHASE-2 9
PHASE-3 20

TOTAL SEIZURES
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1,789

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TWEET OF THE DAY

Read BJP's manifesto to know the idea of nationalism, eradication of poverty, women empowerment, strong and self-reliant India

@BasanagoudaBJP, Vijayapura MLA

BJP state president BY Vijayendra and JDS Mandya candidate HD Kumaraswamy hold a joint rally in Mysuru district on Tuesday | EXPRESS

ALLIANCE WITH JDS WILL CONTINUE EVEN AFTER LS POLLS: BSY

Former CM says NDA will win all 28 seats in state; Modi-Gowda combination effective

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davanagere/Chitradurga

FORMER chief minister and senior BJP leader BS Yediyurappa on Tuesday said the BJP-JDS coalition will continue even after the Lok Sabha elections.

Addressing the media here, he said the BJP-JDS alliance is not restricted only to the Lok Sabha elections. In fact, it will continue in future elections which will be fought together in the state, he added.

"The combination of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda is effective and we are going to win all the 28 parliament seats in Karnataka in these elections. The tie-up will continue in future too and our combination will be formidable," said the BJP strongman. Terming Congress a sinking Ship, he asked the Grand Old Party who is its prime ministerial candidate. "The opposition which has no answer has already accepted defeat in the elections. When I was chief minister, I used to give matching grants of Rs 4,000 to farmers under the PM Kisan Samman Yojana, initiated Bhagya Lakshmi bonds and provided support price for milkmen, but all these schemes have been stopped by the Congress government," he alleged.

He said voters in the state are aware and will vote judiciously to make the country strong. "We will get Rs 5,300 crore released for the Upper Bhadra Project and also expedite the Tumakuru-Davanagere direct railway line, which will help make Chitradurga an economic and industrial hub of the region," he added.

"Even at 82 years, I am campaigning for BJP. If age permits, I will campaign in the next election too," he said.

Terming BJP and JDS two faces of the same coin, he said workers and leaders of both parties will work together in future and ensure that the coalition will come to power. "No forces can derail our coalition in future. The election atmosphere is quite clear in Chitradurga as Govind Karjol will win by a margin of over two lakh votes. In Davanagere, too, we are winning by a big margin to ensure that Modi becomes PM for the third term," he added.

Disruption at Gowda's event: JDS terms it intentional security lapse

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru/Tumakuru

THE JDS has lodged a complaint with the Election Commission of India (ECI) with regard to two suspected women Congress workers trying to disrupt a meeting attended by former prime minister H D Deve Gowda in Tumakuru on Monday evening.

The party's legal cell president AP Ranganatha alleged that it was an intentional security lapse by the police at Kunchitiga Samudaya Bhavana, where a meeting of the JDS and BJP workers for NDA candidate V Somanna was under way, presided over by Deve Gowda.

Ranganatha alleged that DCM and KPCC president DK Shivakumar and Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna, who were known to deliver hate speeches against Deve Gowda, have instigated the accused women to disrupt the event.

The police personnel at the spot have not taken any security measures and let numerous women, who were ostensibly Congress supporters, into the premises."These women proceeded towards the stage and the police personnel did not make any attempt to stop them from entering. This is a serious and unconscionable security lapse," he alleged.

Elections must be fought fairly and without fear of threat to life, and therefore, an exercise must be carried out across the state to identify sensitive areas, he urged, adding that elaborate security arrangements must be made in the coming days. "The faith of the people in the Election Commission rests on its response and swift action against the misuse of political power and the malafide use of muscle, money and fear-mongering during the election process," he added.

Meanwhile, in Tumakuru, the BJP workers staged a protest outside the mini Vidhana Soudha, urging action against the accused women Congress workers. Led by former law minister S Suresh Kumar, they presented a memorandum to the district election officer.

Complaint against Sowmya, supporters

BENGALURU: A complaint was lodged against Bengaluru South Congress candidate Sowmya Reddy and her supporters for creating a ruckus at a meeting of representatives of the cooperative sector on Saturday. On April 13, a meet and greet event was organised with BJP candidate for Bangalore South Tejasvi Surya at his election office. A release from the organisers said the accused appeared as depositors of the Sri Guru Raghavendra Co-operative Bank and were seen assaulting senior citizens, women and others. The complaint said that individuals associated with the Congress party had barged into the meeting and forcefully entered the meeting and disrupted proceedings. "The group, led by Lakshmi Manjula, engaged in violent behaviour, pushing and shoving the attendees, including senior citizens and women, which was intended to create chaos and interrupt the meeting. The disruptors also made video calls to other Congress leaders during the event, suggesting that the disturbance was planned and coordinated," said the complaint. Earlier, Surya had posted a video and alleged that it was a "Congress toolkit" to send agitators to his meeting. "Fearing their inevitable defeat, desperate Congress first resorted to bribery and got caught with cash in Jayanagar 4th Block," he stated. "Now, they're resorting to disruption, sending agitators to push, shove & assault women and senior citizens at our meetings." In a letter to the ECI, the complainants demanded that FIRs be filed against the Congress candidate and also Lakshmi Manjula and her associates, and called for a thorough investigation. ENS

Federal democracy, greatness of leaders: Bommai backs HDD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Haveri

WITH criticism during election campaigns getting too personal, former CM Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday lashed out at Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for targeting former PM HD Deve Gowda, and said there is no leader of Gowda's stature who can advise him.

On Monday, Siddaramaiah had charged at Gowda for advising him not to denigrate the chair of the prime minister by unnecessarily criticising PM Narendra Modi, and said "in a federal democracy, the prime minister is not an autocrat, and nor is the chief minister a mere subordinate". Siddaramaiah also advised Gowda to mend his ways and speak against the Union government on the injustice inflicted on Kannadigas.

Reacting to this remark, Bommai told reporters on Tuesday, "Siddaramaiah is not such a big leader to advise former PM Deve Gowda. In fact, there is no leader who can give suggestions to Gowda, who has political experience of over six decades."

Taking serious exception to Congress workers disturbing Gowda while delivering a speech, Bommai said the people of Karnataka would not tolerate rowdyism in politics and condemned the chaos created by women Congress workers at a meeting in Tumakuru.

"Freedom of expression is allowed in a democracy but it is highly condemnable that disturbances were created in the NDA campaign meeting, which amounted to disrespect to Kannadigas and the former prime minister. Creating disturbance is not the culture of Kannadigas, people are watching everything," Bommai said.

On JDS president H D Kumaraswamy's alleged controversial remark on women, Bommai said Kumaraswamy had already clarified his statement. "AICC general secretary Randeep Surjewala had recently made adverse comments on women, let the Congress issue a clarification. Atrocities against women have increased during the Congress regime," he charged. Later, holding a series of meetings, Bommai said increased investments during the Modi government were due to better law and order situation in the country. He also counted a slew of pro-people schemes and policies implemented by the Union government.

BJP Haveri-Gadag Lok Sabha candidate Basavaraj Bommai campaigns in Byadagi taluk on Tuesday | EXPRESS

'Identified 5k booths where polling %age is under 30-35'

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TUSHAR Girinath, District Election Officer, Bengaluru, told TNIE that a list of 1,786 polling booths has been prepared where the voting percentage is less than the national average. The sticker is a reminder and a pledge administered to people to vote. This exercise is done while distributing voter slips.

According to the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, the voting percentage in Bangalore Central, North and South parliamentary constituencies is the lowest in the state and is much below the national average of 54.26, 54.35 and 53.7, respectively. The voting percentage is below average in the constituencies of Belgaum and Koppal districts. It is less in the constituencies of Vijayapura, Bidar and Raichur districts. The voting percentage was above the national average in Shivamogga, Haveri and Chikkodi during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The highest voter turnout of 80.79% was reported from Chikkodi - Sadagala, followed by Hangal 80.80%, Shikaripura 80.64%, Thirthahalli 80.59% and Shivamogga Rural 80.38%.

CEO Manoj Kumar Meena said, "It may not look like we are doing much. But work is being done on the ground. We are approaching people to understand what their problem is and why they are not coming out and voting. We have identified over 5,000 booths in the state where the polling percentage is less than 30-35. Special attention is being paid to these areas."

'Cong will have to find ground only in Pak'

BJP leader CT Ravi addresses a press conference in Vijayapura on Tuesday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayapura

SENIOR BJP leader CT Ravi on Tuesday said that since Congress will not get any support in Hindu-dominated areas of the country, it will have to find its political ground only in Pakistan.

Addressing the media before taking part in the procession to file the nomination papers of BJP candidate Ramesh Jigajinagi, he said not Indians but only Pakistanis will celebrate if Congress wins.

He claimed that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who could not win from his traditional Amethi Lok Sabha constituency, has gone to Wayanad in Kerala as the constituency has 52% Muslim population.

Defending the electoral bond policy, which has been struck down by the Supreme Court, he claimed that it helped bring transparency in political funding. "Before the Act, nobody knew which party got how much donation. But now, people are aware. It was possible only because of the electoral bond policy of BJP," he said.

But he failed to give a satisfactory reply when pointed out that the details of donations were disclosed by SBI after a rap by the Supreme Court and not voluntarily by BJP. Asked why opposition leaders facing corruption charges are becoming part of BJP, he said some decisions taken are part of war strategies that cannot be disclosed in public.

FORMER CONGRESS MLA AKHANDA TO JOIN BJP TODAY

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

IN a boost to the BJP in Pulakeshinagar assembly constituency, which comes under Bangalore North parliamentary constituency, former Congress MLA **R Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy** will join the saffron party on Wednesday.

Akhanda told The New Indian Express that BJP candidate for Bangalore North Shobha Karandlaje met him last week and invited him to join the saffron party. "I agreed to her offer and will be officially joining the BJP on Wednesday," the former MLA said. Akhanda contested from Pulakeshinagar on a BSP ticket in the 2023 Assembly elections and lost to AC Srinivasa of the Congress.

Pulakeshinagar has a voter population of 2,36,000, which includes around 85,000 Muslims and 65,000 SCs/STs, followed by others. "With me joining the BJP, the Muslim vote in Pulakeshinagar, which is consolidated in favour of the Congress, will definitely split. We may be on equal footing. People in my constituency will stand by me," he said.

Considered one of the tallest young Dalit leaders in Karnataka, Akhanda had won the 2018 Assembly elections against Prasanna Kumar of JDS by 81,626 votes.

Akhanda, who is close to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, had quit the Congress after he was denied the ticket to contest last year's assembly elections on the ground that the dominant minority community was allegedly upset with him after large-scale violence had broken out in DJ Halli and adjoining areas in Bengaluru on August 11, 2020. The violence followed a blasphemous post on social media, allegedly by Akhanda's nephew, in which a 3,000-strong mob had vandalised DJ Halli police station, public and private property and torched Akhanda's house. Three people had died in police firing.

Sanganna Karadi quits BJP, to join Congress today

HUBBALLI: With only a few days left for voting in the Lok Sabha elections in the state, the BJP has received a jolt with the resignation of Koppal MP **Sanganna Karadi** from his Lok Sabha seat and the primary membership of the party. He is expected to join the Congress on Wednesday. Karadi has been sulking after the party decided not to renominate him for the Koppal LS segment and every effort made by the party leaders to pacify him went in vain. It is learnt that in the wake of the party leadership not responding to his demand for membership in the Upper House, he has decided to exit the BJP. He sent a separate resignation letter to BJP state president BY Vijayendra, requesting that it be accepted. Karadi, a two-time MP from Koppal, announced to the media about his resignation and said, he has sent his resignation letter to Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla. The reason cited for exiting the BJP was the party hurting his self-esteem. He claimed that despite taking up innumerable development works in the constituency, the party failed to acknowledge it. The party also neglected his contributions in building the BJP in the region, hence he was disappointed with the leadership, he said. He added that he fell prey to the internal bickering in the past and suffered defeat in the Assembly election. The leaders in the party were plotting against each other for self-gain, he alleged. Meanwhile, Karadi said the people of the Koppal LS segment were with him and he would continue to serve them till his last breath. ENS

Who's Eshwarappa, asks BJP election observer Agarwal

BAGALKOT: Expressing displeasure over former minister KS Eshwarappa filing nomination papers as an independent candidate from Shivamogga, BJP state election observer, **Radha Mohan Das Agarwal** has stated that he does not know who Eshwarappa is. "When I do not know who Eshwarappa is, how can I comment anything about an unknown person," he asked, reacting to a question posed by the media on Eshwarappa contesting the polls against the advice of BJP central leaders. Agarwal said the insult of any person does not happen because of his name, but because of his deeds. "The real BJP workers will stay with the party in every situation. This much I would like to say about Eshwarappa," he said. Asked about Eshwarappa using the image of Prime Minister Narenmdra Modi for his campaign, Agarwal said that is left to the Election Commission to take any action. He added that it is however a laughable matter that Eshwarappa is using a picture of Modi, without getting a ticket to contest from the party. Only those who have got an official ticket, have the right to use Modi's photo, otherwise it amounts to a case of cheating under Section 420 of the IPC, he said. Asked to respond on Digaleshwara Swami contesting against Pralhad Joshi in Hubballi, Agarwal refused to comment. BJP MLAs, former MLAs, MLCs and party leaders were present. ENS

Modi in Bengaluru on April 20

BENGALURU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Bengaluru on Saturday to address an election rally. On the day, he will also be addressing a rally in Chikkaballapura, thus covering six Lok Sabha seats, including three from Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural, Chikkaballapura and Kolar. According to BJP's Election Management Committee convenor Sunil Kumar V, Modi will be addressing party workers of Bengaluru South, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru Central and Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituencies. Before this, he will be in Chikkaballapura to address party workers of that constituency and of Kolar. Further, Sunil said Modi is expected to visit another three times for the next-phase polls that will be held on May 7 for the North Karnataka region. Modi had already visited Kalaburgi and Shivamogga last month. Recently, he was in Mysuru where he addressed party workers from Mysuru, Chamarajanagara, Mandya and Hassan, after which he went to Mangaluru for a road show. Sources from the BJP said that last year, Modi had taken part in a road show in Bengaluru. "Modi's road show in the state capital could bring traffic to a halt, and that could be the reason why he him to chose a rally this time," sources said. Presently, all three seats in Bengaluru are represented by BJP members, whereas Bengaluru Rural is represented by a Congress MP. This time, the saffron party is hoping to win all four seats. The BJP is stressing on the Bengaluru seats. Union Home Minister Amit Shah was also in Bengaluru sometime ago to address party workers of all three Lok Sabha constituencies. ENS

The Vijayawada police have reportedly taken five persons into custody in connection with the attack on Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy at Daba Kottu. Jagan had suffered an injury above his eyebrow when he was hit by a stone hurled at him from the crowd

EXALOGIC CASE

ED closes in on Veena, questions CMRL MD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) probing the pay-off case involving the Cochin Minerals and Rutile Ltd (CMRL) is looking to question **Veena T**, the daughter of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, regarding the money received by her firm Exalogic Solutions.

Top sources said Veena is likely to be summoned after ED questions CMRL MD S N Sasidharan Kartha, who skipped appearing before the central agency on Tuesday. Kartha did not appear before ED citing health reasons. "Questioning him (Kartha) is crucial before summoning Veena," a source said.

At present, ED is gathering information from the CMRL officials regarding the money the firm paid to various companies, including Exalogic. It questioned three CMRL officials – chief financial officer K S Suresh Kumar, senior manager N C Chandrashekaran and senior officer Anju Rachael Kuruvilla -- for 24 hours, from Monday 10.30am to Tuesday 10.30am. The trio was questioned about the transactions between CMRL and Exalogic. It was checked whether Exalogic provided any technological service to the firm as part of a deal.

The ED officials said the officials' interrogation extended to 24 hours as they did not cooperate with the probe team and refused to reveal all the facts.

The ED also summoned CMRL MD SN Sasidharan Kartha, finance manager Suresh Kumar and former cashier Vasudevan for questioning on Tuesday. While Suresh and Vasudevan reached the ED office around 4pm, Kartha skipped questioning again – he did not appear on Monday too - citing medical reasons.

The ED has already accessed CMRL's books that were recovered by the income tax department, Registrar of Companies (RoC) and Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO). The agency is also checking whether the transaction between CMRL and Exalogic is an offence under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The ED investigation is based on an I-T report that said CMRL paid Rs 1.72 crore to Exalogic under the guise of the latter providing software services. The deal came to light in a 2019 I-T probe. The RoC too had recommended a detailed probe by the ED and CBI into the firm's transactions.

Senior actor Srinath pays his respects to Dwarakish who passed away at his residence in Electronics City, Bengaluru, on Tuesday.

Sandalwood mourns Dwarakish's passing

CM Siddaramaiah and other dignitaries offered their condolences while personalities from Sandalwood, including actors Darshan, Srinath, Ramesh Bhat and Sunder Raj, producer K Manju, KFCC president NM Suresh, Bhavya, Meghana Raj, music director Gurukiran, paid their last respects. "The demise of my long time dear friend Dwarakish is very painful to me..starting his career as a comedian, he raised himself up to being a big producer and director.. fond memories come to my mind.. my heartfelt condolences to his family and dear ones...," actor Rajinikanth posted on X. His mortal remains will be kept for public viewing at Ravindra Kalakshetra on Wednesday from 7.30 am to 10.30 am, and cremation will take place in Chamarajpet.

Dwarakish left mark as 'Prachanda Kulla'

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BORN on August 19, 1942, in Ittigegud, Mysuru, Dwarakish's journey from humble beginnings to the pinnacle of cinema was marked by determination and talent. Following his education, Dwarakish and his brother took on an entrepreneurial venture in Mysuru. Yet, his true passion lay in acting, a flame ignited by his uncle, renowned cinema director Hunsur Krishnamurthy. In 1963, he made the courageous decision to quit the business and pursue a career in cinema.

Dwarakish took a bold leap, charting a course towards Madras (Chennai) with Krishnamurthy's encouragement, determined to carve his niche in cinema. Bursting onto the Kannada cinema scene in 1964, Dwarakish wasted no time in making his mark, swiftly ascending the ladder of success. His dynamic performances and fearless attitude earned him the illustrious title of 'Prachanda Kulla' among his peers. With an impressive repertoire of over 300 films, Dwarakish's legendary collaboration with Dr Rajkumar in over 23 movies remains a remarkable feat. Equally, he did a good number of films with Dr Vishnuvardhan, and worked with actor Srinath, among others.

Dwarakish didn't just dip his toes in the water – At the age of 23, he took charge as a producer for Mamatheya Bandhana, marking the beginning of his illustrious career behind the scenes. Four years later, Dwarakish fearlessly ventured into independent production with Mayor Mutthanna, a film starring Dr Rajkumar, already a towering figure in the Kannada film industry. Despite being a newcomer in the production arena, Dwarakish's gamble paid off handsomely, establishing him as a formidable force in the industry. His visionary approach didn't stop there – he paved the way for legendary directors like Siddalingaiah and Bhargav, providing them with their first big breaks. He also introduced Vinod Raj in Dance Raja Dance.

Regardless of the risks involved, Dwarakish never hesitated to take bold steps forward. In 1978, he produced Singapuradalli Rajakulla, which earned the distinction of being the first Kannada film to be shot outside India. Dwarakish produced over 50 films, each contributing to the vibrant collections of Kannada cinema.

Interestingly, Dwarakish, who had already produced several hit films alongside Dr Rajkumar and Dr Vishnuvardhan, envisioned venturing into film production into other languages as well. It was then that he decided to collaborate with superstar Rajinikanth and successfully managed to work with him in movies like Adutha Varisu and Naan Adimai Illai. These films also featured actor Sridevi. Additionally, Dwarakish ventured into Hindi cinema with Gangvaa, starring Rajinikanth.

YATNAL'S 'SUICIDE' REMARK SPARKS ROW

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

BJP MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal has hit out at Karnataka Sugar Minister Shivanand Patil for speaking lightly about farmers who end their life and said he would pay Rs 5 crore compensation if the latter committed suicide.

Yatnal further said he would also give Rs 50 crore compensation if Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, who endorsed Patil's statement, ends his life.

At a BJP convention in Chikkodi, Yatnal recalled that Patil had issued a statement in the Assembly that farmers committed suicide for the sake of compensation. "I had told Patil at that time to commit suicide and repeat my statement today as well," he said. "Even if I don't have money with me, I will collect it from the farmers and pay compensation to his family," he added.

Yatnal slams Satish Jarkiholi

"Minister Satish Jarkiholi, who had termed the word Hindu as dirty was now visiting Hindu temples as his daughter is contesting the Lok Sabha elections," Yatnal said.

He earlier performed pooja to his vehicles in graveyards, but now turned towards temples, alleged Yatnal. "For how many more days you will salute him (Jharkiholi) calling him a Sahukar?" he asked.

EXPRESS READ

Musician KG Jayan passes away at 89

Kochi: Renowned Carnatic musician K G Jayan, who enthralled music enthusiasts with his devotional melodies that touched the depth of souls evoking emotions, connecting people across generations, passed away at his residence in Tripunithura on Tuesday. The 89-year-old musician was suffering from age related ailments. An ardent devotee of Lord Ayyappa, Jayan started his career as a musician sixty years ago, composing songs in association with his brother K G Vijayan. Actor Manoj K Jayan, one of the leading actor in Malayalam movies is his younger son. The body has been kept at Tripunithura government hospital. Funeral will be held at Tripunithura on Wednesday.

I will work with integrity, sincerity, says UPSC rank 100 holder Vijeta

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

VIJETA Bhosamani, a resident of Vijayapura in Karnataka, has secured the 100th rank in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) examination 2023, whose results were announced on Tuesday.

Passionate about working for and making a difference in the lives of the marginalised community in the country, Vijeta is excited about the new chapter in her life. Daughter of parents who have both completed their service in Karnataka Gramin Bank, Vijeta hopes she can also contribute to the cause of animal welfare. Vijeta said it was her fourth attempt and she was able to finally understand her shortcomings and overcome them.

Daughter of an agriculturist who owns a nursery in Davanagere, 23-year-old Soubhagya S Beelagimath's second attempt came to fruition after 12 hours of intense studying every day for the prelims.

She added that she wants to contribute to sectors like agriculture and rural development, looking at her father's journey over the years.

A police sub-inspector, Shantappa Kurubara, who used to mentor children staying in slums during Covid in Bengaluru, secured the 644th rank. He currently serves at the Srirampura police station and he prepared for the competitive exams while doing his job.

Around 40 individuals from Karnataka have successfully cleared the UPSC 2023 examinations and are looking forward to their posting. A total of 1,016 candidates have been recommended for appointment by the UPSC.

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7 DAYS' NOTICE

Borrower M\s Vishwas Enterprises, Prop: Sri. Ramesha, # 245/3, 6th main, 3rd Cross, Near Bisup English High School, Heggana Halli, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560091. **Guarantor : Mr. Santhosh Kumar** S/o Thimmaiah, No.E336, 5th Cross, Rajiv Gandhinagar, Chowdeshwarinagar, Laggere, Bangalore North, Bangalore 560058.

This notice is published to bring it to the notice of above addressed persons that, the below mentioned property was sold through public auction to highest bid amount of **Rs. 63,50,000/-** (Rupees Sixty three lakhs fifty thousand only) and sale certificate has been registered in favour of highest bidder **Mr. Nishanth Kumar B V,** S\o Vasantha Kumar B K under the securitization and reconstruction of financial asset and enforcement of security interest Act-2002 in the exercise of the power conferred under section 13 read with rule 9 of security interest (enforcement rule) 2002.

We are handing over the physical possession of the auctioned property to the auction purchase, hence after noticing couple of time orally, you have submitted a letter on **02.04.2024** stating that you will lift all your belongings within **10.04.2024** which was not done till date. Hence you are hereby called upon to lift all your belongings which you left in the auctioned property within 7 days' if not, in accordance with law all the items whatever inside the property will be cleared and property will be handed over to auction purchaser without giving you any further notice. Later any of your claim will not be accepted.

-: Description of the Property :-

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.3, Assessment No 24/3, Khaha No.245, CMC katha No.561/1863 and BBMP katha No.245,24/3/3, ward No.71, Hegganahalli, Hegganahalli sub-division, Bangalore, measuring East to West 25 feet , North to south 52 feet, Totally measuring 1300 sq feet and building thereon and bounded on:- East by: Site No.4, West by: Site No.2, North by: Sri. B Narayanaswamy Property, South by : 20 feet Road.

Kindly make arrangement to vacate the remaining items within 7 days` from the notice date and avoid to happen any unpleasant situation.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 16.04.2024
Sd/- Authorised Officer
TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Can Fin Homes Ltd
"SAJINI", # 69 (Old No.35)
Ground Floor, 12th Main
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Mob:7625079101, Ph: 080-26630501
E-mail Id: jayanagar@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699
JAYANAGAR BRANCH

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 8(6)]

E- Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Jayanagar Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **03-06-2024**, for recovery of **Rs. 1,10,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakhs Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Jagadheesh H. C.** S/o Late Channappa (Borrower) **Mrs. Lakshmamma C** W/o Late Channappa (Co-Borrower) **Mr. Muniraju C** S/o Late Channappa (Guarantor) as on 16.04.2024 together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 57,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.5,70,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only).

Description of the Immovable Property

All that House, constructed on property No. 02, Gramathana Katha No. 40/7 of Tavarekere Village Panchayat, present falls under Chennanahalli, Gramapanchayathi, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 37 feet and North to South : 45 feet in all Totally measuring 1665 sq.ft. building consisting of GF, FF and SF Bounded on the : East by : Site belongs to Sri Muniraju C, West by : House of Sri Mahesh, North by : Road, South by : Property belongs to Mangalamma
Encumbrances : Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction:https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Date: 16.04.2024
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD
RAJMAHAL VILAS EXTENSION BRANCH
No:13/530, Uma Complex, New BEL Road, Near Devasandra Circle, RMV II Stage, Bengaluru-560094

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas at the request of you, (below mentioned borrowers/guarantors) **Indian Bank, Raj Mahal Vilas Extn Branch** has granted credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the below mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the demand notices sent to you by Registered Post calling upon you to discharge the debt due to Bank were returned, unserved, we are issuing this notice through paper publication.

Name of the Borrower: 1)M/s BLS Infrastructure Prop: Mr. Kodandaram Kirthi No.1339,10th main, 6th Cross, BSK 1st Stage,Srinivasanagar, Bengaluru-560057 (Borrower) **2) Mr.Kodandaram Kirthi S/o C S Suryanarayana Rao (Guarantor),** No.1339,10th Main, 6th Cross, BSK 1st Stage,Srinivasanagar, Bengaluru-560057
3) Mrs.Bhagyalakshmi D W/o Mr. Kodandaram Kirthi (Guarantor), No.1339,10th main, 6th Cross, BSK 1st Stage,Srinivasanagar, Bengaluru-560057
4) Mr.C S Suryanarayana Rao S/o Late C.V Srinivasa Rao (Mortgagor cum Guarantor) No.1339,10th main, 6th Cross, BSK 1st Stage, Srinivasanagar, Bengaluru-560057

Date of NPA on 08.04.2024

Outstanding Amount: Rs.1,46,01,811/- as on 09.04.2024 + further Interest from 10.04.2024 and other charges

Mortgaged Assets: All that piece and parcel of immovable property House No. 1339, PID No. 54-365-1339,6th Cross,10th Main, BSK 1st Stage, Srinivasa nagar, 2nd Phase, BBMP Ward no.54, Bengaluru-560050 Measuring: East to West : 60 ft :North to South: 40ft Total 2400 sq ft Consisting Ground and First floor constructed area 2750 sqft Bounded on East by:6th Main Road, West by:Site No.1323 North by:Site no. 1341 & 1340 and South by Site No.1338.

If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 10/04/2024, Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

AXIS BANK
Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX-IV (RULE 8 (1))

WHEREAS: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AXIS BANK LTD,** Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act , 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued, a demand notice, dated : **17.01.2024** calling upon the **(1) Mr. G V Anand,** S/o Venkatappa Gujur, # 212, Dr Rajkumar Road, Near Venkataramana Swamy Temple, HSR Layout, Bangalore 560102. **Also At: Mr. G V Anand,** S/o Venkatappa Gujur, Partner, Aashritha Enterprises, No 171, Shop No 2, Dr Rajkumar Road, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore 560102, **(Borrower/Applicant) (2) Mrs. Anupma** W/o Anand, # 212, Dr Rajkumar Road, Near, Venkataramana Swamy Temple, HSR Layout, Bangalore 560102 **(Co-Borrower)** to repay the amount **Rs 62,99,847 /-** (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven Only) mentioned in the notice towards the loan account no's **LPR000901818669 & ECR056107265124** being the amount due as on **11.01.2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **15.04.2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **AXIS BANK LTD Rs 62,99,847/-** (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven Only) due as on **11.01.2024** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the No 212 Yashasvi Nilaya Near VenkataRamana Swamy Temple Post Agara Sarjapura Road Bangalore 560102 Karnataka and Bounded as follows: East by: Road, West by: PVT Property, North by: No 174/A, South by: PVT Property.

For any clarification, please contact Mr Thrimoorthy - 9036773553

Date : 15.04.2024
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Yashodhamma, W/o. Late. D. Narayanaswamy, aged about 50 years, Resident of Kammasandra Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, has lost her original registered Sale Deed dated 10/05/2006, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura. On 30/03/2024 my client Smt. Yashodamma travelling from Yellupura Village to Kamasandra Village has lost her original Sale Deed dated 10/05/2006 and my client Smt. Yashodhamma could not able to trace out the same in spite of her best efforts and thereafter she has lodged the police compliant on 04/04/2024, before Doddaballapura Rural Police Station, Bengaluru Rural District and even then, she could not able to get the same. Hence, the general public are hereby notified that, any person/s traced out of the said Sale Deed dated 10/05/2006 may kindly be contacted the below mentioned addresses and may kindly be hand over the said document.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site property No.20/2, Assessment No.20/2, Katha No. 15, situated at Yellupura Village, Baashettihalli Grampanchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and measuring East to West : 23 ft and North to South : 63 ft and bounded on East by : remaining property of the same katha number and RCC House, West by : beside drainage the property belongs to Vasudevaiah, North by : Road, South by : Remaining vacant portion of the property belongs to S. Ramanjinappa.

Address : **M. Munegowda,** Advocate
Vega Law Associates,
No. 64/1, Room No. 7, 1st Floor, Lakshmi Commercial Complex, 1st Main, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560 020.
Mobile No. 8971906512

IN THE HONOURABLE COURT OF THE MACT CUM 1ST ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE : VIZIANAGARAM

M.V.O.P.3/2022

Between :
Gari Naveen ..Petitioner
And
Munveer Parveez and two others ...Respondents

1. Munveer Parveez, S/o. Nanasaheb, C/o. Nayaz Ahmedkhan, Muslim, Door No. 41, Sri Ram Mandir Road, Basavanna Gudi, Bangalore-560004
2. Nayaz Ahmedkhan, Muslim, Door No.41, Sri Ram Mandir Road, Basavanna Gudi, Bangalore-560004

NOTICE

Please take notice that the above matter posted to 03-05-2024 at 10.30 AM for your appearance before the Honourable MACT cum 1st Additional District Judge at Vizianagaram. You have to appear before the said Court personally or through an Advocate with your documents on which you are relying. failing which the Honourable Court hear the matter in your absence and pass necessary orders.

Vizianagaram
Dt. 21.03.2024
SRI KALLA SANYASI RAO
Advocate, Vizianagaam

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For immovable property)

A/c No.: SBI/RACPC-BLRCNTRL/SRA/HL/39584303411

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notices dated **24/01/2024** issued, calling upon the **BORROWER:** 1).**Mr.Samartha .M.R** S/o Ravindranath M.N,No.88/62, East End B Main Road, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bangalore South, Jayanagar East Bangalore Karnataka- 560069 **CO-BORROWER: 2) Mrs.Shama**la W/o Mr. Ravindra M. N, No.88/62, East End B Main Road, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bangalore South Jayanagar East Bangalore Karnataka- 560069 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.34,00,310 /-** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Three Hundred Ten Only) as on 23/01/2024. and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules, on **15.04.2024.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.33,80,021/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Eighty Thousand Twenty One Only) as on 04/04/2024 and interest + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of Sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE "A" : (DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Sy.No.31/10, **''Panchavati BDA Apartment''** Consisting of 2BHK flat No. 126 measuring 4037 Sq.Mtr. Situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.

Bounded by: East : BDA Approved Royal County Layout, West: Private Property, North : Sy. No. 31/9 of Kothanur Village, South : Site No. 611 to 620 of Royal County Layout.

SCHEDULE "B" : 3073.26/126 Sq.Mtr. = 24.39 Sq.Mtr. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A".

SCHEDULE "C" : Flat bearing No. B1-602 ,2BHK, B1 Block in the Sixth Floor, BDA/S.A(MM) /2019/20, dated 02/12/2019 measuring about 61.73 Sq. Mtrs. along with covered car parking super built up area together with RCC Roofing, together with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, lift etc., do be constructed on schedule 'A' property known as **"Panchavati BDA Apartment".**

Bounded by: East : Open to Sky, West: Lift Room, North : Corridor, South : Open to Sky

Place : Bengaluru
Date: 15.04.2024
Sd/-
Authorised Officer, State Bank of India
RACPC, Bengaluru Central,
Lady Curzon Road, Bengaluru

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(to be addressed to the legal heirs of the borrower/Guarantor)

Under Rule 8(1) (For immovable property)

A/c No.: SBI/RACPC/BNGLRCNTRL/SRA/HL/40372095468

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notices dated **05/02/2024** issued, calling upon the **Legal Heirs : Mrs.Supriya Kasture Aurad** W/o Late Mahesh Babu Rao Aurad 26/A New No.46 4th Cross 6th Main 3rd Block Thyagarajanagar Bangalore -560027 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.54,45,174/-** (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Four only) as on 02-02-2024 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules, on **15.04.2024.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.55,43,745/-** (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Forty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Five Only) as on 10/04/2024 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of Sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY : All That piece and parcel of the residentially converted Land bearing Sy.No.111/6 measuring 54450 sq.ft or 01 Acre 100 Guntas (converted vide officialDeputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, Government of Karnataka)Situated at Doddabele Main Road . Kengeri village kengeri Hobli Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within the purview of BBMP having Khata No.169/Sy. No.111/6 and bounded as; East by :Doddabele Main Road, West by : Property of Sri H .N .A . Prasad. North by : Properties of Smt. L,, Saroja, Smt . L.,Sumitra,Smt. L,, Sukanya alias Anusuya alias kamala and Smt. K.L,, Mangalagowri and properties of Sri . Yellappa And Smt. Ashwathamma, South by : Property of KSRTC and BMTC

SCHEDULE " B " PROPERTY : (Property Subject to the Development)

All That piece and parcel of the residentially converted Land bearing Sy.No. 111/6, measuring 44296 sq.ft (converted vide official Memorandum No.ALN(S) SR(K):26/2014—15, dated 12/06/2015 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, Government of Karnataka) Measuring from B to C to D to E to F to G to B, as per the annexed sketch Situated at Doddabele Main Road, Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within the purview of BBMP having Khata No.169/Sy. No.111/6 and bounded as; East by : Doddabele Main Road, West by : Property of Sri H .N .A . Prasad. North by : Properties of Smt. L. Saroja, Smt . L. Sumitra, Smt. L,, Sukanya alias Anusuya alias kamala and Smt. K.L. Mangalagowri and properties of Sri. Yellappa And Smt. Ashwathamma, South by : Property retained by Sri. K .L. Raju, Sri. K.L. Ramakrishna and Sri. K. L. Manjunath and Property of KSRTC and BMTC

SCHEDULE " C " PROPERTY : (Description of Undivided Share)

553 Square Feet of undivided Share , right , title and interest / ownership in the Schedule B property .

SCHEDULE " D " PROPERTY (Description of Apartment)

Residential Apartment No . A-301 (2 BHK) Situated In the Third Floor at Block -A apartment building known as "SAI VAIBHAV" Constructed Schedule 'B' Property together with Super built up area of 1235 Squre feet Consisting of 2 Bed Rooms along with One Car parking No . A – 301 at Ground Floor, with proportionate Share in the common areas , built on schedule B Property, with all right , privileges and appurtenances.

Place : Bengaluru
Date: 15.04.2024
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
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> What disciplinary action he (Vijayendra) will take, when I'm contesting as an independent? Contesting as an independent means, I have come out of the party. As the BJP state President he doesn't even know what contesting as an independent means
>
> KS Eshwarappa, MLA and independent candidate from Shivamogga

With no rain, farmers of Bengaluru Rural like their counterparts elsewhere are largely dependent on borewells to irrigate their land | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

ELECTION HINGES ON BJP-JDS ALLIANCE, CONGRESS GUARANTEES

Gowda's son-in-law Dr CN Manjunath takes on DKS' brother Suresh in this GoP bastion

ASHWINI M SRIPAD
@ Ramanagara/Bengaluru

EVER since the BJP announced Dr CN Manjunath as its candidate for Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituency, 51-year-old Meenakshi (name changed) from Kanakapura is in a dilemma. Coming from a family which has traditionally voted Congress, she is also keen to show her respect to Dr Manjunath by voting for him. As former director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Dr Manjunath's timely intervention a few years ago saved the life of her farmer husband.

"We all believe Dr Manjunath is God. We had lost hope and if he was not there, I would have lost my husband six years ago," said Meenakshi.

Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituency, with 27.53 lakh voters, is a mix of urban and rural populace, comprising Bengaluru South and RR Nagar from Bengaluru Urban, Magadi, Channapattana, Ramanagara and Kanakapura from Ramanagara district, and Kunigal from Tumakuru district. Except Bengaluru Urban, other pockets are dominated by Congress and JDS voters. Interestingly, there is no visible election excitement.

The BJP-JDS alliance move to field Dr Manjunath is receiving mixed reactions. Syed Bashiruddin from Kalanagar ward in Channapattana, where a large number of toy makers reside, told *The New Indian Express* that Channapattana constituency alone has over 2.7 lakh voters. "All these years, we were in favour of JDS candidate HD Kumaraswamy, who got close to Rs 1 lakh votes from this constituency alone in 2023. Our votes gave him victory. But now by joining hands with the BJP, he has hurt our sentiments. We are going to vote for DK Suresh and give him one lakh votes from here," he said. There are over 2,700 voters in Kalanagar who are artisans.

On the other side, many call Dr Manjunath 'Dalada manushya' (man from JDS). Nijalingappa from Doddamudigere in Magadi taluk says he wants Dr Manjunath to win. "He is our Deve Gowda's son-in-law, what more reason do you need, he is Dalada manushya," he added.

Women's support

Meanwhile, the Congress, which is banking on its guarantee schemes, has got the support of many women in Magadi, Ramanagara and Channapattana who say the schemes have given them financial independence. However, men are none too happy. Hucchaiah from Magadi said he is voting for Manjunath because he doesn't want Congress to win.

Bengaluru Rural is a mix of urban and rural populace | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

B'LURU RURAL

"Women have got financial assistance of Rs 2,000, free travel and other benefits. What is there for us? Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has not given anything for us, why should I vote for them?" he asked.

Then there are some, especially women, who are yet to decide. Despite the guarantee schemes, they may not vote Congress.

"Every government does good in a way. We vote as per our panchayat member's recommendation. After all, if we need something, we go to the panchayat," said Kempamma (name changed) from Chikkasulikere of Ramanagara.

But Devamma (name changed), from the neighbouring village wants the Congress candidate.

"We may get Rs 500 or Rs 1000 from other parties but Lord Shiva will not forgive me if I don't vote for those who give me free rice and money, and because of whom I can eat peacefully," she said.

At the outset, Kunigal seems to be in favour of Congress, while BJP has an edge in Bengaluru South and Rajarajeshwarinagar. Ravikumar, a civil engineer turned farmer from Ramanagara, said it may not be an easy win for Suresh this time.

"A section of people is in favour of Suresh for his work and because he is a local. At the same time, some want Manjunath to win. It is interesting this time," he said.

It's seasoned politician versus debutant in Bidar

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Bidar

Sagar Khandre

Bhagawant Khuba

A tough contest is on the cards in Bidar in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, with an experienced Bhagawant Khuba (57) facing debutant Sagar Khandre (26). Khuba, who is also Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, is a two-time MP from Bidar. He defeated former chief minister and Congress strongman, the late Dharam Singh, in 2014 and current minister in the Siddaramaiah cabinet, Eshwar Khandre, in the 2019 polls by a huge margin.

What could upset the apple cart of Khuba is not just the stiff competition from the Congress, but also the threat he faces from those within his own party. It is well known that former minister Prabhu Chauhan, who is an MLA from Aurad, was against the BJP fielding Khuba. Also, MLA from Basavakalyan, Sharanu Salgar, has openly quarreled several times with Khuba.

Chauhan is not participating in the election campaigns and has been in Mumbai for the last two months owing to ill health. Salgar, too, is not campaigning, say BJP insiders. Another factor that could affect Khuba's victory is the Marathas decision to field a member of their community as an independent from Bidar. The community, which has always supported the BJP, has fielded Dr Dinkar More from Bidar. The Maratha community, with 1.45 lakh voters, is spread across Aurad, Bhalki, Basavakalyan, and Aland Assembly segments. The Marathas feel that both the BJP and the Congress have neglected the community.

"The Modi wave is still strong in Bidar. If Khuba wins the elections, it will solely be because of this," opines a political expert.

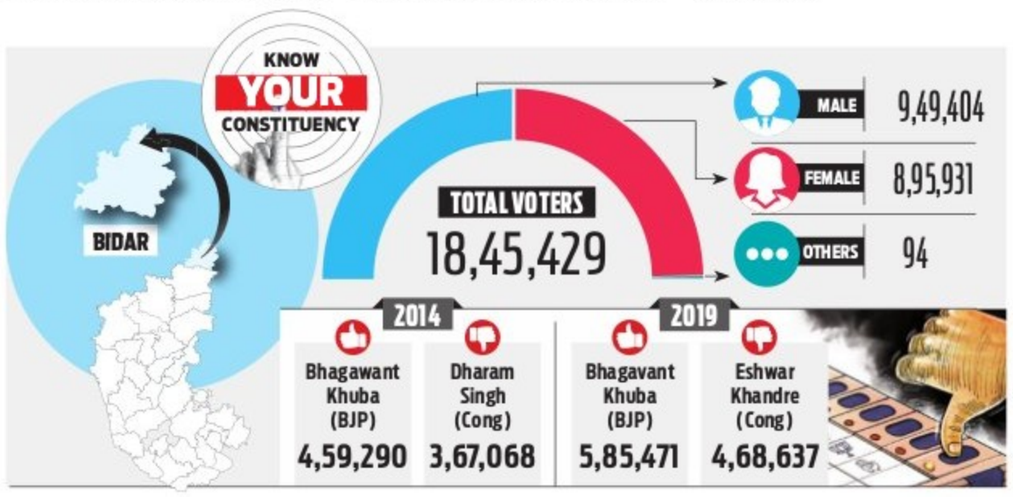
Meanwhile, the sailing is not smooth, even for Sagar Khandre, the youngest candidate fighting the polls this year in Karnataka. Though he has helped his father, Eshwar Khandre, in previous elections, this is the first time that Sagar has entered the fray. The Khandre family has been in electoral politics for many decades. Sagar's grandfather, Bhimanna Khandre, was a former minister. Sagar's father, Eshwar Khandre, is a former KPCC working president, secretary general of Akhila Bharath Veerashaiva Mahasabha, and currently the minister for forest and ecology in the Siddaramaiah government. Though Minister Rahim Khan is actively canvassing for Sagar, former minister Rajashekhar Patil Humnabad, who was also an aspirant from Bidar, is not actively participating in the campaign.

Meanwhile, Muslims, with 3.7 lakh voters, had demanded the Congress field a candidate belonging to the community. However, with the Congress fielding a Veerashaiva-Lingayat, it is to be seen how the Muslim population will vote.

The constituency, which was reserved for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes till 2009, had elected the late Ramachandra Veerappa seven times (two times on a Congress ticket and five times from the BJP), Narasingh Rao Suryavanshi (Congress) four times, and Shankar Dev (Congress) three times. After delimitation in 2009, Dharam Singh won in 2009 and Khuba in 2014 and 2019.

Both Sagar and Khuba hail from the Veerashiva-Lingayat community. There are close to 3 lakh voters belonging to the community in Bidar. The population of SC (Right) is about 2.7 lakh, and SC (Left) is 1.1 lakh. The voter strength of ST Koli and Kabbaliga is about 1.6 lakh

Bidar Lok Sabha constituency comprises Basavakalyan, Humnabad, Bidar-South, Bidar, Bhalki, and Aurad Assembly constituencies in Bidar district and Chincholi and Aland in Kalaburagi district. While the BJP won in five constituencies in the 2023 Assembly elections, the remaining three segments were won by the Congress candidates.



HOW RICH IS YOUR CANDIDATE

MRINAL POSSESSES ₹13CR ASSETS, OWNS NO VEHICLE

BELAGAVI: Congress candidate from Belagavi, **Mrinal Hebbalkar**, son of Karnataka Women and Child Development Minister, Laxmi Hebbalkar, owns assets worth ₹13.63 crore. He has mentioned details about his assets and liabilities in the affidavit submitted along with his nomination papers to the Returning Officer in Belagavi. According to the affidavit, Mrinal has ₹10.01 crore immovable and ₹3.62 crore worth movable assets. He has shares worth ₹4.20 crore and availed ₹6.16 crore loan. Interestingly, he does not own any vehicle. Mrinal has lent loans to the tune of ₹6 crore, including ₹3.66 crore to Hebbalkar's family owned Harsha Sugar Factory, and Harsha Builders and Developers. He has also given ₹27.15 lakh loan to Girija Hattiholi, his relative. His total annual income for fiscal 2022-23 has been put at ₹29.31 lakh. However, his annual income for fiscal 2019-20 was ₹11.69 lakh. This means his annual income increased three-fold in three years. ENS

ANNASAHEB JOLLE'S WEALTH ALMOST DOUBLES IN 5 YEARS

Sunil Patil @ Belagavi: The assets of BJP candidate from the Chikkodi Lok Sabha constituency and sitting MP **Annasaheb Jolle** has almost doubled compared to what he declared before the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. He was worth ₹16.85 crore in 2019, while it has grown to ₹27.46 crore. The total wealth of his family is ₹65 crore. In 2019, Jolle, who is a businessman, had declared movable assets of ₹2.44 crore and immovable assets of ₹14.41 crore. In the nomination filed on Tuesday for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, he announced his movable assets at ₹5.83 crore and immovable assets at Rs 15.79 crore. He has debts of ₹12.40 crore. Interestingly, his wife MLA Shashikala Jolle, who was a cabinet minister in the BJP government, is wealthier than her husband. In the affidavit, it is mentioned that she owns movable assets of ₹4.12 crore and immovable assets of ₹29.55 crore. Her total wealth is ₹33.67 crore. Her debt stands at ₹9.73 crore. Her wealth was ₹20.93 crore during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The politician duo has two married sons, who together own assets worth ₹5 crore.

POLL VAULT

Sleuths find Rs 18 crore during raid in Dharwad

Dharward: Assistant returning officer Priyanga M and her team raided a house belonging to Basavaraj Dattunavar at Aarma Apartments located on 2nd Cross Narayanpur, and recovered a whopping Rs 18 crore. The officers are now collecting details and inspecting documents. The raid took place on Tuesday evening. Sources said Dattunavar works as an accountant under a civil contractor. The cash was found concealed in a bag, and the officers are yet to clarify about the issue.

'I didn't want to contest polls to start off my political career'

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

THE Congress candidate from Chikkodi parliamentary constituency, 26-year-old **Priyanka Jarkiholi** — daughter of PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, will become one of the youngest MPs in the country if she wins the coming Lok Sabha election. An MBA graduate, she has taken the election as a challenge and is confident of winning against her formidable opponent and sitting MP Annasaheb Jolle of BJP.

How's your campaign going on in Chikkodi ?

The campaign received a tremendous response from the people of Chikkodi. The women are finding it comfortable to approach me and share their problems. They have a lot of hopes on me and want me to win in this male-dominated society.

You are facing an experienced rival Annasaheb Jolle, who is a sitting MP, popular in the constituency. How are you preparing for the clash ahead?

Many in the fray across the state are not only double my age, but are also far more experienced in politics. It is really challenging for me to enter the fray against such a known personality. I am ready for any challenge and face it positively. After Congress came to power in the state last year, I have seen that the people are content and happy. The government's guarantees also have been a plus for me. The party manifesto released by our leader Rahul Gandhiji and Kharge sir has been impressive and pro-people.

Why did you choose to contest a parliamentary and not an Assembly election?

I was not keen to contest either the Lok Sabha or Assembly election to start my political career. The opportunity came my way and I took it positively. It is no doubt a big election for a young woman like me. With my family members already into politics for the past three decades, I am confident of delivering as an MP if elected.

What'll be your 1st question in Parliament if you win?

I would ask the government to provide good job opportunities to the unemployed youth. A large number of youngsters have not been able to get jobs of their choice though they have completed postgraduation and graduation. More initiatives to create employment for young people should be taken up by the government. Attempts should also be made to promote entrepreneurship by helping youth to start their own industries and businesses. We also need to promote them to launch start-ups to create jobs.

What will be the major issue for you in this election?

The Chikkodi constituency has been a rich agricultural region, where farmers need more irrigation facilities. I also want to help women to start their own small-scale businesses with the help of the government. I have decided to work for women empowerment once I become an MP. I will also focus on tourism.

FROM HUBBALLI TO DHARWAD...

Independent hops on to bullock cart to highlight Mahadayi row

Independent candidate Shivananad Muttannanavar takes out a bullock cart rally from Hubballi to Dharwad on Tuesday | DHEMANTH

> **Nor Union Minister Pralhad Joshi nor Prime Minister Narendra Modi have spoken a word on Mahadayi. Joshi did not raise his voice in the Parliament despite being elected successive times. The cart rally is being done to get the attention of people to choose the right candidate**
>
> Shivanand Muttannavar, independent candidate from Dharwad Lok Sabha segment

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

THE independent candidate from Dharwad Lok Sabha constituency, Shivanand Muttannavar, held a unique rally from Hubballi to Dharwad on Tuesday to file his nomination. A former ward member from Hubballi, Muttannavarr took a 20-km ride in a bullock cart along with his supporters.

The rally began after Muttannavar and his supporters garlanded the statues of Rani Chennamma and freedom fighter Sangolli Rayanna. The decorated bullock carts were the attractions and the rally reached Dharwad in an hour. The police allowed the carts to move on a dedicated BRTS corridor at some stretches and many were seen taking photos and videos of the carts.

Muttannavar said that for many years, the people of North Karnataka are fighting for Mahadayi waters. Many politicians from this region got benefitted with the Mahadayi issue, he claimed. "Nor Union Minister Pralhad Joshi nor Prime Minister Narendra Modi have spoken a word on Mahadayi. Joshi did not raise his voice in the Parliament despite being elected successive times. The cart rally is being done to get the attention of people to choose the right candidate," he said.

Dharwad is expected to see an interesting contest this time between Joshi (BJP), Vinod Asoti (Congress) and Dingaleshwar Swamiji (independent). The seer's entry is expected to divide the Lingayat votes. On the other hand, both Asoti and Muttannavar belong to the Kuruba community.

Political analysts also claim that Muttannavar is contesting on the suggestion of senior BJP leader K Eshwarappa after the Haveri ticket was denied to the latter's son. Eshwarappa is contesting the polls as an independent from Shivamogga.

There are some people in every small town or village who extort money on the streets by threatening physical harm. In Malayalam, you call this extortion 'kolla adikkal' (loot), but Modi calls it electoral bonds

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

THE VANISHING LEFT

PARVEZ SULTAN
@ New Delhi

WHEN we review our work on building the independent strength of the party in the last four years, we cannot say we have made adequate political, ideological and organisational efforts for the same," read the Political-Organisational Report introduced during the CPM Party Congress in Kannur in April 2022. The four-year reference was in the context of the party's dismal show in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Staring at an existential crisis, the two main Left parties — CPM and CPI — have been reduced to single digits in Parliament. The CPM could only secure three seats and its vote share dipped to 1.75 per cent in the last parliamentary polls. Not just the CPM, the performance of all Left parties was at the lowest ebb in their electoral history since Independence. The CPI won just two seats while its vote share plummeted to 0.58 per cent. The other Left Front constituent — the RSP bagged one seat with just 0.12 per cent vote share.

In 2019, the CPM won one seat (Alappuzha) in Kerala and two (Coimbatore and Madurai) in Tamil Nadu. The CPI won two seats — Tiruppur and Nagapattinam — in Tamil Nadu. The Left parties couldn't open their account in West Bengal.

Kerala, Tripura and West Bengal were considered traditional Left bastions. The Left Front governed West Bengal for 34 years from 1977 to 2011 and Tripura for 25 years from 1993 to 2018. The Left has also led governments in Kerala since 1957. Besides running governments in three states, the Left had also played a key role in the Third Front from 1996-98 and in the Congress-led UPA in 2004.

Fighting for its pride

The CPM has so far announced candidates for 44 Lok Sabha seats, including 17 in West Bengal. It is contesting one seat each in Andaman and Nicobar, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana and Tripura. In Tamil Nadu, the party has got two seats — Madurai and Dindigul — as part of the INDIA bloc alliance.

As part of the INDIA bloc alliance in Bihar, the CPI(M-L) has been allocated three seats and the CPI and CPM have got one seat each. After seat-sharing talks failed in Jharkhand, the CPI decided to go it alone in eight seats in the state. As part of the Left Democratic Front in Kerala, the CPI got four seats.

Experts and political commentators term the steep decline in electoral performance of the Left "not a good sign" in the current political scenario. They say the Left has always helped in shaping public policies aimed at people's welfare. They, however, add that the Left should be held responsible for their diminishing clout.

Ajay Gudavarthy, who teaches at Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), cited a series of "misadventures" and decisions for the "fall" of the Left.

"After pulling out two-to-three nuclear deals, and prior to that, the refusal to make Jyoti Basu the prime ministerial candidate during the coalition era, coupled with a series of misadventures and decisions, did not augur well in the public imagination of the Left. After the rise of Hindutva politics, the Left suddenly became an alien force. People are finding it difficult to identify with their language," Gudavarthy said.

Another reason, he said is that the Left takes decades to bring about changes. The lethargic and organisational disciplinary structure is not working in their favour in the current context.

"They take eons to change, and are bad in catching up. They are not able to cope up with the cultural agenda of the right. There are economic reasons too. Liberalism growing into informalisation (the increase in proportion of workforce in informal sector) has made mobilisation around class politics a very difficult agenda to set. The Left can mobilise trade unions, but when it comes to informal labour, which is migrant and moves from one place to another, the Left is at a loss. They have not developed a strategy or alternative methods to address this. Their failure in mobilising the informal sectors caused the decline in their electoral presence," said Gudavarthy.

Rise & fall of the Left

The span of about 40 years — starting from the fourth Lok Sabha elections in 1967 to the fall of the NDA government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2004 — could arguably be the golden age of Left dominance in India. On an average, they had jointly been capturing 50 seats in every election. For the CPM, its best performance came in 2004, when it had won 43 seats, a record since its formation in 1964 after breaking away from the CPI.

The CPI's peak was recorded in the third Lok Sabha in 1962. Following the split, in the ensuing election in 1967, the CPM had won 19 and CPI 29.

In an interview with this newspaper earlier, CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury said that the dwindling strength of the party in Parliament was the result of ganging up of forces —from right to left—against the party. However, he had admitted that there were also some lapses on its part.

"Our electoral support has significantly declined. But at the same time, our ability to set an agenda before the country has actually strengthened... The only issue on which PM Narendra Modi had to back off was the farm stir against the three farm bills," he had said.

At its peak, CPM's vote share had crossed the 6 per cent mark and the CPI's above 5 per cent. All India Forward Bloc (AIBC) and the RSP largely retained their numbers as they continued registering victory on two-five seats individually.

Professor Biswajit Das of Centre for Culture Media, Jamia Millia Islamia, said that the conventional idea of Left politics in the country has completely declined, in a sense that the kind of ideological baggage the Left had has been appropriated by mainstream parties.

"The Left has literally exhausted its alternatives. In order to survive, they have to create an alternative space, and also in terms of the jargons or even the language they will use. In fact, their language has been appropriated by the mainstream. There is nothing new they have to offer," he said.

He feared that they would gradually diminish because of the ways the larger counter movements are taking place in this country. "The Left was not able to accommodate, or adjust itself to, the culture-specific scenarios," Das added.

Significance of Left

On the importance of Left, Gudavarthy said that they are the only parties in mainstream politics that offer a critique of neoliberal agenda.

"Much of the Left policies are also by default moving within the neoliberal paradigm, but at least they are offering an ideological critique. They keep the welfare agenda first. If you look at 2004-2014 during UPA, the party played a very important role. The CPM pulled off a wide-range of welfare policies that Congress implemented," he added.

CPI general secretary Bhalchandra Kango agrees. "After Independence, all movements —cultural, students, farmers and workers — were dominated by the Left for long. "In 2004, 60 MPs of the Left influenced the UPA-I and compelled them to have Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and Right to Information Act. And measures like loan waiver scheme and land to tribals were achievements of the Left," said Kango.

Gudavarthy said that a lot of intellectual public presence emerges from the Left parties.

WITHERING AWAY

YEAR	CPI	CPM	RSP	AIBC	*FB (M)	CPI-ML (LIBERATION)
1951-52	16	--	3	--	1	--
1956	27	--	0	--	2	--
1962	29	--	2	2	--	--
1967	23	19	0	2	--	--
1971	23	25	3	0	--	--
1977	7	22	4	3	--	--
1980	10	37	0	3	--	--
1984	6	22	3	2	--	--
1989	12	33	4	3	--	0
1991	14	35	4	3	--	0
1996	12	32	5	3	--	0
1998	9	32	0	2	--	0
1999	4	33	3	3	--	1
2004	10	43	3	3	--	0
2009	4	16	3	2	--	0
2014	1	9	1	0	--	0
2019	2	3	1	0	--	0

THE GOLDEN ERA

The span of about 40 years — from the 4th LS polls in 1967 to the fall of NDA government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2004 — could arguably be the golden age of Left dominance in India. On an average, they had jointly been capturing 50 seats in every election. CPM's best performance came in 2004, when it had won 43 seats.

***Forward Bloc (Marxist)**

Communist parties in India

CPI is the oldest. It is a state party with presence mainly in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Manipur

Founded in 1964, CPM is the largest communist party in terms of electoral performance

Founded in 1974, CPI(M-L) Liberation is the third largest party with state party status in Bihar

RSP has state party status in Kerala

ELECTION2024

Poll party leaves for distant Kanar booth

A polling party on Tuesday left for the most distant polling booth under Uttarakhand's Almora constituency, for which one has to travel 18 km on foot, apart from an 80-km vehicular journey. The Kanar polling booth has a total of 557 voters, including 312 male and 275 female voters.

8 candidates file papers in Assam

Eight candidates filed their nominations on Tuesday for elections to the four LS seats in Assam where voting will be held in the third phase on May 7, a poll official said. Four candidates filed nominations for Kokrajhar seat, two for Guwahati and one each for Barpeta and Dhubri seats.

JJP chief's wife vs his uncle in Hisar

The Jannayak Janta Party on Tuesday announced names of five Lok Sabha poll candidates for Haryana, fielding two-time MLA Naina Singh Chautala from Hisar against ruling BJP's Ranjit Singh Chautala. Naina Chautala is wife of JJP chief Ajay Singh Chautala, while Ranjit Chautala is his uncle.

LIST OF SEVEN

Minister dropped but wife named in Punjab, Shivaji descendant in Maha

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

Parampal Kaur Sidhu

Udayanraje Bhosale

Anita Som Parkash

Former IAS officer to fight from Bathinda

The BJP has fielded former IAS officer Parampal Kaur Sidhu from Bathinda, currently represented by SAD's Harsimrat Kaur Badal.Sidhu is the daughter-in-law of Akali leader Sikander Singh Maluka. She is pitted against Congress' Jeet Mohinder Sidhu and AAP's Gurmeet Singh Khudian.

THE BJP dropped yet another Union minister from its 12th list of candidates for seven Lok Sabha seats, and instead fielded his wife from the Hoshiarpur constituency in Punjab.

The party has also fielded a descendant of an erstwhile royal Maratha family of Chhatrapati Shivaji, who is currently a Rajya Sabha member, from the high-profile Satara seat. Chhatrapati Udayanraje Bhosale received BJP's recognition on a seat from where Praful Patel of Ajit Pawar-led NCP, now a BJP ally in the ruling Maharashtra coalition government, was eager to contest.

Bhosale won the Satara seat in 2019 as a candidate of the then-undivided NCP. A few months later, he resigned and joined the BJP. But in the by-polls that followed, Bhosale lost as a BJP candidate against NCP's Shrinivas Patil. Later, the BJP nominated him to the Rajya Sabha in April 2020. His term is due to end in 2026.

The third notable BJP candidate on the list is Abhijit Das, who will lock horns with West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's nephew Abhishek Banerjee, from Diamond Harbour that votes on June 1 in the final phase of the elections. Das is the former president of the party's South 24 Parganas district unit and is said to be very articulate. Das belongs to RSS and had unsuccessfully contested Lok Sabha elections in 2014. With his 'candidature, the party has announced all 42 candidates from West Bengal.

In Punjab, the BJP dropped Union minister Som Parkash from Hoshiarpur, but fielded his wife Anita Som Parkash from the seat. The party believes Som Parkash holds substantial influence in the constituency. The BJP had won the Hoshiarpur seat in 2014. In 2019, Som Parkash won the seat defeating Congress' Raj Kumar Chabbewal.

In the previous polls, the party was at loggerheads with its erstwhile ally SAD over the Hoshiarpur seat.

The BJP has now fielded former IAS officer Parampal Kaur Sidhu from Bathinda that is currently represented by SAD's Harsimrat Kaur Badal.

Sidhu is the daughter-in-law of senior Akali leader Sikander Singh Maluka and joined the BJP recently with her husband Gurpreet Singh Maluka. A 2011-batch IAS officer, she would be pitted against Congress' Jeet Mohinder Sidhu and AAP's Gurmeet Singh Khudian.

Interestingly, SAD has not yet announced its candidate from Bathinda.

The BJP's latest list came only three days ahead of the first phase of the Lok Sabha elections. The party's Central Election Committee also announced candidates in Uttar Pradesh. The party has so far fielded candidates for 430 seats out of the total 543 LS seats.

In Uttar Pradesh, the party has fielded Vishwadeep Singh from Firozabad and Shashank Mani Tripathi from Deoria, dropping MPs from these seats. A party source said the anti-incumbency on these two seats was the prime factor behind dropping the MPs.

TETE-A-TETE

NDA set to win 22 of 25 seats in Northeast, says Sonowal

THE BJP is contesting the polls in Northeast as NDA with seat-sharing understanding with allies. Union minister and former Assam Chief Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal** tells **Prasanta Mazumdar** that he is confident that the NDA will sweep the polls. Excerpts:

How many seats will NDA win in Northeast?

Under the dynamic leadership of PM Narendra Modi, the BJP-led NDA is poised to secure more than 22 of the 25 seats in Northeast. It will comfortably win over 400 seats. Since 2014, Northeast has seen a remarkable transformation, with people feeling empowered.

The BJP's governance principles, rooted in 'Antodaya', have improved the lives of every citizen. In contrast to decades of neglect under Congress rule, the Modi government has prioritised Northeast, completing crucial infrastructure projects like the Bogibeel bridge and the Dr Bhupen Hazarika Setu. Additionally, initiatives such as Ujjwala, Jal Jeevan Mission, PM Awas Yojana, and Ayushman Bharat have significantly enhanced the region's quality of life.

Is NDA's 400-seat target realistic?

Absolutely. We have all the powerful allies. They will help us reach that mark by winning seats. I believe the credibility of the BJP and its allies are witnessed by the people of the country. Their (people's) marks will be in favour of us because they have seen Congress for 60 years when there was misrule, bad governance, corrupt practices and communal, family, parochial and divide and rule politics, which had ultimately made the country weak.

How do you view CAA considering that the Supreme Court had repealed Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunal) Act based on your petition?

The CAA is a national law which will allow religiously persecuted persons (from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan) to live in the country and the whole nation will take the burden of it, not just Assam. The Congress misinterpreted it and spread false propaganda to get political benefit. CAA is not going to impact the identity of indigenous people. IMDT was dangerous because it was meant only for Assam and the people of the state were not taken into confidence before this Act was put into action. IMDT was discriminatory, unconstitutional and undemocratic.

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Sarbananda Sonowal

The BJP replaced Union minister Rameswar Teli, a tea tribe leader, with you in Dibrugarh. Do have any worries about tea votes?

As a committed member of the BJP, I am honoured to have been chosen as the candidate for the Dibrugarh seat. Building upon the commendable work accomplished by Rameswar Teli and under the astute leadership of our PM, I am confident in our ability to secure a majority in the elections. The BJP's commitment to development, exemplified by 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas' philosophy, has yielded progress in various sectors, from infrastructure to social welfare. Through the tireless efforts of the double-engine government, marginalised communities like the tea tribe have finally gained access to the benefits of government welfare schemes.

AAP's Dibrugarh candidate Manoj Dhanowar is an Adivasi. Is he a threat to your poll prospects?

The AAP has turned out to be a party that symbolises confusion and corruption. It has let people down with its indecisiveness and actions contrary to its stated philosophy. It is a party that disregards the law of the land, and will not dare to cooperate with law because of its implicit connection with the corrupt.

Contrary to the development exemplified by the Modi government with a vision of 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas', we don't have a vision from the AAP on the way forward for the Dibrugarh parliamentary constituency. The party is being led by a person whose credential as a leader remains at large with confusion, confrontation and convenience. The people of Dibrugarh are aware of such forces.

QUOTE CORNER

PM Modi compelled Congress, which indulged in corruption and appeasement for 70 years, to join hands with small parties with only one or two seats

Bhajanlal Sharma, Rajasthan CM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi says Trinamool Congress is a corrupt party. He should look in the mirror first. His party is filled with dacoits

Mamata Banerjee, Bengal CM

MVA parties held a press meet and announced seat-sharing agreement. Now if there is any rebellion, it's the partners' responsibility to check it

Uddhav Thackeray, SHS(UBT) chief

3 in Cong list, no word on Ranchi

JHARKHAND

Deepika Pandey Godda

KN Tripathy Chatra

Anupama Singh Dhanbad

Seat-sharing

Under the INDIA seat-sharing formula, out of Jharkhand's 14 Lok Sabha seats, the Congress will contest seven, JMM five, RJD one and CPI (M-L) one.

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE Congress on Tuesday announced the names of candidates for three more Lok Sabha constituencies — Godda, Chatra and Dhanbad.

Mahagama MLA Deepika Pandey will contest from Godda opposite BJP's Nishikant Dubey, who is eyeing a fourth term from the seat. KN Tripathy will contest from Chatra, and Bermo MLA Jaimangal Singh's wife Anupama Singh from Dhanbad, AICC general secretary KC Venugopal said.

Suspense on Ranchi Lok Sabha seat, however, continues.

Deepika, a first-time MLA, secured ticket over contenders Pradeep Yadav and Furqan Ansari. Yadav, the strongest claimant to the ticket, was apparently denied it due to a case of sexual harassment pending against him.

Saryu Roy, MLA from Jamshedpur East, was willing to contest from Dhanbad on Congress ticket, and had also raised the issue of "significant land acquisitions" allegedly made by Prashant Kumar, son of BJP's candidate Dhulu Mahato. But, Roy was sidestepped Anupama Singh nominated.

EDITORIAL

"Politics determines who has the power, not who has the truth" — Paul Krugman

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— Ramnath Goenka

PLAN AHEAD TO IMPROVE WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION

THERE are few surprises in candidate selection for this Lok Sabha election. In Karnataka, dynastic politics remains prime and gender representation remains skewed. For the state's 28 seats, the two main political parties have fielded 48 men and 8 women—six from the Congress and two from the BJP. For the 14 seats going to polls on April 26, the total number of candidates is 247; of these, only 21 or 8.5 percent are women. This dismal figure is in keeping with the national average of 8 percent, according to Election Commission data for the first two phases. Kerala totted up 12 percent, Tamil Nadu 8 percent, as did Uttar Pradesh. This is happening when the gender ratio has improved to 997 females per 1,000 males and women voters have edged out men in turnout.

Regrettably, there are few women today who have made it big in the political world by the sheer dint of hard work. Most of the women in the fray today are daughters, wives, sisters or daughters-in-law of party leaders, anointed to continue the family business, tutored and dictated to by male family members. Politics continues to be a patriarchal arena and a daunting career space for politically ambitious women. Those who are ready for the field's rough and tumble have to counter crass comments from their male counterparts. This election's series of unsavoury remarks—from women deemed fit only for the kitchen, and certain candidates needing an extra peg, to some being led astray—only reveals that the male mindset is yet to accept the challenge women pose.

The 16th Lok Sabha had 61 women members out of 545 and the 17th had 78; it remains to be seen if the 18th Lok Sabha will improve the score. The Women's Reservation Act 2023, which sets aside 33 percent of the seats in the Lok Sabha, assembly and local bodies for women, remains a chimera until the delimitation process is carried out a few years hence. The parties have recognised the importance of woman voters, whose improving turnouts have changed a political calculation or two. They are ready with a bouquet of targeted schemes to garner women's votes, but are yet to reconcile with the fact that women need to be part of the polity too. Party leaders should start looking ahead and groom women leaders for more equitable legislatures.

CENTRE NEEDS TO SOLVE TB DRUG SHORTAGE SOON

INDIA'S ambitious goal of eliminating tuberculosis in the country by 2025 is in serious jeopardy. The reason? The repeated instances of a serious shortage of drugs that are essential to treat the disease. If health professionals and patients reported a drugs shortage last year, the past two months have seen doctors, government staff and caregivers scrambling to access drug-sensitive TB medications.

Procurement of TB drugs is centralised under the National TB Elimination Programme. This means that they are procured by the Union government and sent to warehouses in the states based on their indents. However, states have been flagging irregular supply linked to procurement delays. On March 18, by which time the shortage had been reported, the Union health ministry told states to procure the drugs locally for three months. States were also given the option to reimburse patients who bought the medication on their own.

However, the delayed instruction has put states in the tight spot of competing with one another to procure in the open market drugs that are not often stocked by local vendors because their procurement has been centralised and usually given by healthcare providers to patients for free. Meanwhile, TB centres, which normally give patients drugs for three months at a time, are rationing them out, sometimes giving patients medicines just for days. This makes it harder for patients from low-income groups to complete their treatment course as they may be unable to spend time and money to frequently visit the centres to collect the drugs. The risk of patients not completing the treatment has serious consequences for society, as it will contribute to an increase in multi-drug-resistant TB.

India has the highest TB burden in the world. The push for eliminating TB by 2025, ahead of the sustainable development goal deadline of 2030, is worthy indeed. However, this cannot be accomplished without ensuring that the supply of medication is unhindered. While some instances of TB drug shortages in the past have been linked to global shortages, most recent ones have not. If the government is serious about meeting its goal, the Union health ministry must analyse the procurement process and immediately remove bottlenecks. Lives are at stake.

QUICK TAKE

RIGHT TO SLEEP EARTHLY HOURS

THE Bombay High Court has taken exception to the Enforcement Directorate recording witness statements at unearthly hours. A 64-year-old businessman complained that he was made to wait in the ED office for 20 hours and his statement was recorded from 10:30 pm to 3 am. The two-judge bench noted, "The right to sleep / right to blink is a basic human requirement." It explained that an ED probe where the person's guilt was not yet established was different from an investigation under the criminal code. It is a welcome intervention. But with sleep irregularities increasing among all generations, 'earthly hours' might need a new definition.

Narendra Modi is known for conveying big ideas through catchy slogans. The approaches behind them can be sorted into categories that all aim at national glory

IDEAS BEHIND THE NATION'S NEW DOCTRINES

VINAY SAHASRABUDDHE

Senior BJP leader who has recently co-edited *The Art of Implementation* with Mukul Priyadarshi

SOURAV ROY

THE key to the credibility of BJP's recently released manifesto lies in the fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has demonstrably acquired mastery over the art of implementation. Central to his success is his flawless ideation and thoughtfulness that manifests in multiple ways. For example, in an informal chat he had once shared that he uses his wristwatch in such a way that the dial is beneath the wrist and not easily visible to the other person. When in conversation, this allows him to check time in an unobtrusive manner and moderate the dialogue's length suitably.

Such thoughtfulness on the part of Modi, even about issues sounding trivial, is complemented by his ability to think big. What is remarkable about the ideas mooted by him is that they contain a fresh approach based on deep philosophical thinking and is wrapped together with an attractive slogan. Modi is not just a thought leader but also a wordsmith—his coinages hit at the core of the message in simple, intelligible terms. One can see three different categories of his ideas-turned-slogans. The first is that of lofty ideals, appealing to people to aim high and think big with the motivation of working towards a mission. The second category is basically about conveying his policy approaches. And the third is about public education, reaching out to people and informing them.

When it comes to lofty ideas and goals for the future, the prime minister started with '*Ek* Bharat, *sreshtha* Bharat'—which later became a passionately pursued national integration campaign. While on the one hand this slogan motivates people to work for the supremacy of India, on the other, it also reminds them that our strong national unity is a prerequisite for us making India *sreshtha*, or the best. Often, his appeals presented in the shape of a slogan empower people to aspire high and at the same time to work hard. Right in the thick of the Covid challenge, Modi made a passionate appeal to his countrymen to make India self-reliant, that is, working for an Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Another term, 'saturation', mirrors his holistic vision for national development. The term, a new addition by Modi to the development lexicon, means ensuring that all eligible beneficiaries are duly covered under a particular welfare scheme. In a way, his emphasis on saturation is reflective of the principle of *antyodaya*, where all those deprived are given high priority.

Came 2022 and his Independence Day address, and Prime Minister Modi again made a passionate appeal outlining what can be described as his National Renaissance Doctrine and appealing to his countrymen to adopt '*Panch Pran*', or five pledges. In a way, these five commitments reflect his fundamental convictions about all that ails this great nation. They start with a resolve to make India a developed country; second, to erase all traces of servitude; third, to be proud of our legacy; fourth, to strengthen our unity; and fifth, for every Indian to abide by his duties as a citizen. These five pledges are fundamental to the core convictions of the prime minister, hitting at our national weaknesses and aiming for a drastic mindset change to create a 'national mind'. The traces of Modi's deep thinking behind *Panch Pran* was also evident in the way he mooted in 2014 the idea of having an International Yoga Day and again in 2023 when he promoted the Year of Millets.

Yet another example of his ability to help people relate with path-breaking concepts is the Life-Style for Environment approach, which was later given the shape of a global campaign. Adroitly and in a subtle manner, the prime minister has given a message to the rich nations that irresponsible lifestyles have caused a great harm to environment. The need of the hour is to solve the challenge faced by our planet using human-centric, collective efforts and robust action that further sustainable development.

The other important category of ideas mooted by Modi is of those that indicate his thoughtful policy approach. He encapsulated his thinking in a meaningful yet attractive, alliterative slogan during the initial days of his 2014 campaign and later his government: '*Sab ka saath, sab ka vikas*'. This was a reassuring promise of democratising development while extending equal support to all, and dispelling all motivated propaganda that create apprehensions in people's minds. Not to forget, that he progressively unfolded his ideas by adding '*Sab ka vishwas*' and later '*Sab ka prayas*', too.

'*Sab ka prayas*', or everyone's efforts, reflects one of the fundamental convictions of Prime Minister Modi. He has always mentioned without mincing the words that development can't be seen as just a government policy or a programme. It has to become a movement, reminding countrymen that they too have to contribute.

When it came to trade, commerce and industry, Make in India and 'Vocal for local' became two key slogans. While Make in India addresses the manufacturing community, the latter is an appeal to consumers at large. Reading between the lines, these twin-messages reflect BJP's age old emphasis on swadeshi economy without being unmindful of the compulsions of a globalised world.

The third category of ideas mooted by Modi is in the form of attempts towards public education. Look at his new nomenclature for the disabled or a*pahij—divyang or divyang-jan*, the terms coined by the prime minister to underscore his idea of instilling self-confidence among differently-abled persons in his bid for their mainstreaming. Same is the case for the term Aspirational District/Block, coined to replace the previous term, Most Backward District/Block. Also, the Last Indian Village at the border is now called as the First Indian Village, again a nomenclature change signalling a different approach. The same clarity about policy approaches is evident in his use of the terms cooperative federalism and women-led development.

All this underscores that a strong political will for flawless implementation emanates from passionate, creative ideation.

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WHY DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND ELUDES INDIA'S GIG ECONOMY

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THE rapid expansion of the gig or platform economy over the past decade has provided growing opportunities for India's young population. It's hardly surprising that this segment of the economy has seen the fastest growth in workforce—from 2.5 million in 2011-12 to nearly 13 million in the current fiscal, and is predicted to grow to 23 million by the end of the decade, according to NITI Aayog estimates. With such opportunities opening up for India's youth, there are heightened expectations that the country has finally reached the stage from where demographic dividend can be reaped.

It may, however, be pointed out that the realisation of demographic dividend critically depends on the workforce's ability to increase productivity under conditions that the International Labour Organization terms "decent work". This implies that for India's young workforce to progress, it is necessary to examine their working conditions so that appropriate policy interventions can be formulated.

Over the past two years, the NITI Aayog and the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) provided similar perspectives on the ever-expanding platform economy, though they have focused on two distinct aspects. The NITI Aayog report, '*India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy*', and the NCAER report, '*Socio-economic Impact Assessment of Food Delivery Platform Workers*', convey similar messages. One, it confirms that the gig and platform economy creates opportunities for India's youth and is the basis of reaping demographic dividend. Two, there is a move towards formalisation of the informal workforce, and it therefore acts as a tool for social protection. It's a wonder how these reports could project such a cheery image, sidestepping discussions on the precarious nature of their work.

The reality of the working and living conditions of app-based workers has recently been unveiled in a report by the People's Association In Grassroots Action and Movement (PAIGAM), University of Pennsylvania and the Indian Federation of App-based Transport Workers. The report is a significant contribution to the understanding of this segment of workers for it is based on responses of over 5,000 drivers and delivery persons in eight cities. It shows the working conditions of these workers do not conform to the criteria of "decent work" that the ILO says involves "opportunities for work that is productive and delivers a fair income, security in the workplace and social protection for all, better prospects for personal development and social integration", among other things.

How do their working conditions deviate from the ILO norms and what are the implications? That app-based drivers have excessively long working hours is common knowledge, but what this latest report does is provide an assessment of the length of their working day. Over 83 percent of the respondents worked for over 10 hours a day, and close to 60 percent worked for over 12 hours. As many as 31 percent of the drivers reported that their average working day was in excess of 14 hours.

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A new study shows the working conditions of most Indian platform economy workers flout ILO norms. It also implies that the productivity of workers in the 21-40 age group is affected, sharply curbing the possibility of reaping demographic dividend from this young nation

So the working day of an overwhelming majority of app-based workers contravenes the ILO Convention on Hours of Work (Industry) Convention, one of the earliest norms of the organisation. It sets a general standard of working hours that are not expected to exceed 48 hours a week, with a maximum of eight hours per day. In the Indian context, the Factories Act provides a yardstick—it indicates that a work day cannot exceed nine hours.

The rationale for stipulating the length was to find a proper balance between work and leisure that has long been considered a sine qua non for achieving higher productivity. It is empirically proven that working hours tend to decrease when incomes rise and people can afford more of the things they enjoy, including more leisure. In fact, in more productive economies, workers have been progressively working less. In contrast, the less productive poorer economies have seen workers working longer to earn more and compensate for lower productivity.

The relationship between working hours and productivity has greater significance for India in view of the PAIGAM, UPenn and IFAT report, which shows that 78 percent of respondents were between 21 and 40 years. Thus, excessively long work days can have an inimical impact on the productivity of younger workers involved in this occupation, which in turn implies the possibilities of reaping a demographic dividend diminish quite drastically.

Further, the large share of the youth engaged as app-based drivers could also be an indication that in this profession, those in the older age groups cannot generally take on the excessive workload. In other words, the working age for these drivers effectively ends at 40 years, instead of the generally considered 64 years. With about 70 percent of the drivers reporting that their earnings are not adequate to meet their expenses, their working conditions can be best described as precarious.

This represents one of the worst examples of labour market flexibility, the form of worker engagement that has generally found favour with Indian businesses. Given the unacceptable condition of the drivers, the government needs to urgently reverse further moves towards irresponsibly flexible labour markets and strongly enforce the ILO labour standards. Only then can the country's young population be productively employed, ensuring that demographic dividend becomes a reality.

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Creating jobs

Ref: *Next govt will need a rethink on job creation* (Apr 16). The BJP manifesto has made no mention of employment opportunities. But the Congress manifesto talking about employment is welcome. The editorial's suggestion to the government to support public education and health is appreciated.
S Chockalingam, Kottaram

Existing issue

Unemployment isn't a new issue. This happens to freshers who aren't willing to accept a job that doesn't satisfy their greater goals. Many freshers aren't able to get a job as companies prefer experienced people alone. What students should remember is that acquiring skills is more important than completing the prescribed syllabus in colleges.
R Prabhavathi, Tiruvarur

Upskilling citizens

Any job creation programme should take into account the fact that more than half of the jobs in India will be affected by AI. Hence, future jobs will require people with new skills. Existing staff should improve their skills to be retained.
N Rama Rao, Chennai

Employment potential

Unemployment amongst the skilled as well as unskilled youth is a persistent problem in our nation, no matter which government is in power. Giving financial support for education and basic health are the main requirements for any government to help the young generation get jobs in the services sector, manufacturing sector and other hospitality sectors that have immense potential to absorb talented people.
Katuru Durga Prasad Rao, Hyderabad

Questionable captaincy

Ref: *Rohit's red-hot form augurs well for India* (Apr 16). Unfortunately, a player's form does not carry on for a long period. We hope it continues for the sake of the Indian team. But it's intriguing that India's captain has not been found suitable to captain his IPL Team. Rohit's century went in vain due to the unimaginative captaincy of Hardik and his own personal form being in serious question.
O P Swaminathan, Bengaluru

Telecast timing

The Kerala Story would have largely gone unnoticed when the film was telecast on Doordarshan had it not been for the Kerala CM's hue and cry against it. Ever since his protest, the film has been garnering interest among the general public. The timing of the telecast on Doordarshan, a Centre-controlled machinery, is debatable.
Sajit Nambudiripad, Ottapalam

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Really Janab Ghulam Nabi Azad Sahib? Who did all the drama on your retirement from the Rajya Sabha? Who has been playing the BJP's game in J&K ?

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PM Narendra Modi has worked to give the rights of Gujjar-Bakarwal community in Jammu and Kashmir which Congress did not give for 70 years.

NO LEVEL-PLAYING GROUND IN THIS ELECTION: KHARGE

AICC president **Mallikarjun Kharge** speaks exclusively to **Bansy Kalappa**, on a range of issues, including electoral bonds. **Excerpts:**

How do you see this poll different from the past two elections? You had been to Nagpur, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan. What is the pulse of the people?
There is no level-playing ground. This election is different from other ones as the government is interfering, harassing and suppressing opposition parties. They are squeezing their resources and threatening people. Those who are supporting Congress or the INDIA Alliance are being threatened. In previous elections they did have all this. Now they are launching personal attacks, even on families, hitting below the belt. This was not there earlier. Even the poorest man used to contest boldly and put his views against the government. Today, if we point out any mistake of the government, the ED, I-T are activated. I have seen 12 elections, but have never seen this kind of intimidating tactic to win elections. Former PM Deve Gowda who had said that he wants to be born a Muslim in his next birth, has changed under pressure. When a man at 91 changes his views, what about poor people? Today Deve Gowda has gone with BJP. I saw Deve Gowda's interview and he said Modi is the only person who can become PM. I believe no one is indispensable. This government is harassing everybody. Because of this, some are going to BJP. People who are very committed to the Constitution are still fighting.

You have seen more than five decades of politics, and Congressmen have complained about judges quitting the judiciary and joining politics and speaking on Godse and Gandhi...
Such people are immature. Those who sit in the highest positions in the judiciary, who should be pointing it out, are succumbing. When Modiji has made false promises and uttered lies and suppressed the voices of truthful people, they in the judiciary should point it out. They know the background of this country, how we achieved freedom, and what was the desire of the founding fathers. They know the Constitution and the circumstances of framing the Constitution; and yet they have fallen into BJP trap.

What do you have to say about PM Modi saying that the Congress manifesto is like the "Muslim League manifesto"?
PM Modi divides people on the basis of "Hindu" and "Muslim" and talks of caste. As PM, he could have rectified many mistakes. There are many issues within society, which need to be rectified. He needs to put forth new programmes. After Independence, Jawaharlal Nehru got advice from other parties too. Nehru had Jan Sangh leader Shama Prasad Mookerjee and others who were part of the cabinet to build the country, and to build the Constitution, but people like Modi divide. Such narrow-minded people cannot build the country.

Congress leaders say SC/STs and oppressed sections are consolidating in favour of the Congress under your leadership. What do you have to say?
Congress will safeguard the poor, there is no freedom of speech and expression under this government. Therefore, poorer sections are coming with us. Our main aim is to defeat the RSS ideology. BJP is saying we are attacking Modi. We have no choice, because they have used the word "Modi" for every programme. He never speaks of the philosophy and ideology of his party. He promised 2 crore jobs, Rs 15 lakh black money per person, doubling farmer income...but nothing was delivered. We have no option but to take his name.

Congress leaders say the BJP is using the word "guarantees" and claiming that it borrowed that word from the Congress. What is your response?
The word "guarantees" is borrowed from Congress. We started it in Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh and Telangana. People are happy with the guarantees, especially the youth, women and the poor. Modi speaks lies and his guarantees are no guarantees at all.

You have said BJP is a 'washing machine' and that it claims to clean up all the politicians who are taken into their system?
These people threaten potential leaders in every party. They pick up whatever loopholes are available, or if cases are pending and if they are not involved they even fabricate cases against them. They are invoking cases. People in BJP accuse these persons and threaten them. Corporate contracts are given by taking electoral bonds.

Modi has said electoral bonds are transparent ?
If transparency was there, they should have disclosed these funds from the beginning. People didn't have to knock on the door of the Supreme Court. PM Modi is supporting corruption.

Congress funds are frozen and Rahul Gandhi says there is no money for campaigning or for travel. How are you managing as AICC president at this critical juncture? Is there any relief from courts?
The Congress Party funds were frozen. Unless it is released how can we get back our money? We will not get relief. We are collecting money from grassroots level workers. Even that they have stopped. They stopped ₹135 crore that we had collected.

Surjewala barred from campaigning for 48 hrs over Hema Malini jibe

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission on Tuesday barred Congress leader **Randeep Surjewala** from electioneering for 48 hours over his alleged derogatory remarks against BJP MP **Hema Malini**. During the current election season, Surjewala is the first political personality who has been banned by the poll panel.

In its order, a copy of which is with this newspaper, the ECI said, "Without prejudice to any order/notice issued or to be issued subsequently to him in the matter relating to MCC violations, hereby, strongly condemns the impugned statement made by him during election campaign held in Haryana and reprimands Randeep Singh Surjewala for the said misconduct."

It further said, "The Commission, under Article 324 of the Constitution of India and all other powers enabling in this behalf, bars him from holding any public meetings, public processions, public rallies, road shows and interviews, public utterances in media (electronic, print, social media) etc. in connection with ongoing elections for 48 hours from 06.00pm on April 16, 2024 (Tuesday)."

The poll panel had last Tuesday issued a show-cause notice to Surjewala for his alleged "undignified, uncivilised and vulgar" remarks against Malini. The EC had sought Surjewala's reply by April 9.

After getting Surjewala's response, the poll panel said it has carefully gone through the contents and averments made in the reply.

In its notice to Surjewala, the EC had said that on careful examination, the comments were found to be "highly undignified, vulgar and uncivilised" and to be prima facie violative of the provisions of the model code of conduct and the poll panel's advisory issued to parties last month.

The poll panel said it had received a complaint on April 5 wherein it was alleged that Surjewala had made the "sexist, vulgar and unethical" public utterances against the dignity of BJP MP Hema Malini, while campaigning in Haryana.

The alleged remark kicked up a storm in the poll season, with the BJP calling it a "new low to disrespect and demean the dignity of women."

Earlier, Surjewala had accused the BJP of "distorting" the clip, saying on X (formally known as Twitter), "Watch the full clip. What I said was that we have great respect for Hema Malini ji, who is married to Dharmendra ji, and, therefore, is our daughter-in-law."

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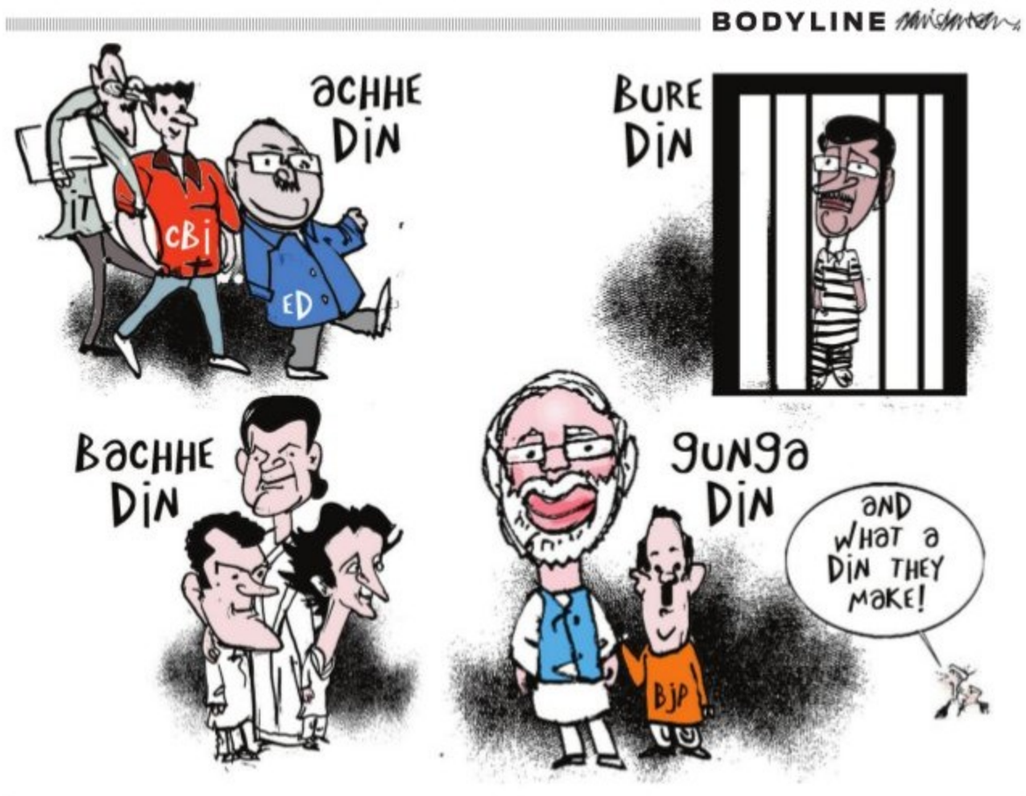

School kids among 6 drown in Jhelum

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

SIX people including a mother and her two minor kids were killed, 10 others were rescued, and three are still missing after a boat carrying 19 persons including school-going children capsized in the Jhelum River in Ganderbal area of Srinagar on Tuesday.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Bilal Ahmed Bhat said that between 7:45 am and 8 am this morning, a boat capsized in the Jhelum River in the Ganderbal area of Srinagar.

The boat, which was carrying about 19 persons including school-going children, capsized when it was heading from Ganderbal on one side of the Jhelum towards the other bank at Batwara. An eyewitness said a rope used to help the boat cross the Jhelum River snapped when the boat was in the middle of the river. "The boat hit an iron pillar of the under-construction bridge, and it broke into two parts."

The water level in the river has swelled after heavy rains during the last few days.

Immediately, authorities launched a rescue operation. The SDRF personnel, policemen, army men, and MARCOS commandos launched the rescue operation to save the drowned persons. An official said bodies of six persons were retrieved from the Jhelum River. "Ten others were rescued and six of them have been admitted to hospital. Three others including a father-son duo and a seven-year-old child are still missing," he said.

The locals said that due to non construction of footbridge at Gandbal, the residents were forced to use boats to cross the Jhelum to perform their normal chores of life. J&K L-G Manoj Sinha was constantly monitoring the situation.

Indian sailors not under arrest, their condition is good, say Iranian sources

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE 17 Indian sailors out of 25 onboard the cargo vessel MSC Aries that was seized by Iran's Revolutionary Guards are safe and not under arrest.

"The 17 Indian sailors are free and not under arrest. We are in touch with the Indian ambassador in Iran and would like to reaffirm that their condition is good. The only reason that they have not been able to reach the shore is due to bad weather conditions. None of the Indian sailors is under arrest," said a source from Iran.

After tensions escalated between Iran and Israel, a cargo vessel was seized by Iran and the Indian government was constantly in touch with that country to press for their release.

External Affairs Minister Dr **S Jaishankar** spoke to his Iranian counterpart H Amirabdollahian and pressed for the release of these 17 Indians. "I spoke with Iranian Foreign Minister Amirabdollahian and took up the release of 17 Indians onboard MSC Aires. We discussed the situation in the region and stressed the importance of avoiding escalation, exercising restraint and returning to diplomacy," said Dr Jaishankar on Sunday, adding he would remain in touch with Amirabdollahian.

Dr Jaishankar also had a conversation with Israel FM Israel Katz, where he shared concern at the developments, discussed the larger regional situation and agreed to stay in touch.

Amid the use of missiles and drones by Iran and Israel, India has expressed concern over peace and security around the region. "We are seriously concerned at the escalation of hostilities between Israel and Iran which threatens peace and security in the region. We call for immediate de-escalation, exercise of restraint, stepping back from violence and a return to the path of diplomacy," according to a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

India has also said that it is closely monitoring the evolving situation. "Our embassies in the region are in close touch with the Indian community. It is vital that security and stability are maintained in the region," the MEA added.

Last week, India issued an advisory for its citizens in both countries to register with the embassies and abstain from travelling there.

Ramdev says ready for public apology over ads

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

YOGA guru Baba Ramdev and his associate, Acharya Balkrishna, on Tuesday offered their unconditional apology to the Supreme Court and pleaded guilty to violating its order in the misleading advertisements case. "I am willing to give a public apology to show contrition and to tell the public that it is not that I am doing only some lip service in court...," senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for them said.

A two-judge bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Ahsanuddin Amanullah, however, clarified that they were yet to decide whether the alleged contemnors (Ramdev and Balkrishna) would be granted forgiveness or not. "We will hear it next on April 23," Justice Kohli said.

The court also directed them to appear before it on the next date of hearing and allowed them to take measures to "redeem" themselves.

It said that advocate Rohatgi, appearing for the proposed contemnors, submitted that to redeem themselves, the two will take some steps on their own initiative and unilaterally.

With folded hands Ramdev told the court that he will never ever "disrespect the court's orders".

Before the hearing started, Ramdev and Patanjali Ayurved's Managing Director Balkrishna arrived at the Supreme Court at around 10am to attend the hearing relating to misleading advertisements by Patanjali Ayurved, after complying with the SC's last order.

Despite repeated apologies by Ramdev, the SC had not so far accepted it. It had twice rejected the second affidavit of apology filed by Balkrishna and Ramdev in the contempt case over the publication of misleading medical advertisements allegedly violating the undertaking given to the court for not publishing such advertisements.

"You need to respect the rule of law. Law is equal for everyone," the bench observed and asked Ramdev to follow it.

In its last hearing, the SC had also slammed the Uttarakhand government for not taking enough action against Patanjali Ayurved for violation of law. "You kept twiddling your thumb when law was being violated with impunity. The concerned officers must be taken to task," it had said.

The court was hearing the petition filed by the Indian Medical Association (IMA), alleging that this was improper on the part of Patanjali Ayurveda's advertisements, which claimed to cure certain diseases including BP, diabetes and asthma.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Appoint 6 VCs from Mamata govt list: SC

The Supreme Court directed West Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose, who is also the chancellor of state-run universities, to appoint six suitable persons as vice-chancellors from a list of candidates provided by the state government.

The ruling TMC dispensation has a running feud with Bose over how the state's universities should be run.

Lawyers told not to be selective in lynching cases

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the lawyers representing a Public Interest Litigation on rise in violence against the minorities, not to be selective about cases with respect to a particular community.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice BR Gavai, made the observations while hearing the PIL petition raising concerns about a rise in incidents of mob violence against the minorities (Muslims) and sought immediate interim relief and or compensation for the families of the victims.

The top court particularly asked the lawyers about the murder of Udaipur-based tailor Kanhaiya Lal, who was killed in 2022 for allegedly sharing a social media post of former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma regarding Prophet Mohammad.

People do not believe in Congress guarantees, says Jaishankar

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"WE are already so close to the polls...We are looking at months and not weeks. I don't think it will have an impact on the polls," Dr Jaishankar said, responding to a question on the likely increase in oil prices, leading to retail inflation and its impact on BJP's prospects in the Lok Sabha elections.

The minister said at the national level, people do not believe in Congress' guarantees, as nationally they associate free ration, housing, electricity, water and roads with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "I have been in government for almost 50 years now. Often people say, we also had a scheme. Yes, they had a scheme. I began my career in Belagavi as a trainee officer. (Then CM) Devaraj Urs had a scheme to give houses to Dalits, but only five houses in a year. Today, in the same place, you get 5,000 houses," he said.

Jaishankar rejected the Opposition's allegation of Centre's injustice to Karnataka in releasing its tax share and funds to tackle drought. He said drought relief is supposed to be provided by the state from SDRF and the Centre's component to that was given.

The Home Ministry has written to the Election Commission of India seeking permission to release funds under NDRF for states, including Karnataka, he added.

On speculation over his entry to the poll fray from Bengaluru, Jaishankar said first the issue was to contest or not, then the next issue was from where to contest.

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> S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs

The general feeling in the party was that he would be more useful while deployed in multiple places rather than contesting from one place, he added.

"People were drawing wrong conclusions," he said, responding to speculation that he would contest from Bangalore South or Thiruvananthapuram.

In Thiruvananthapuram, in the last two elections, BJP got around 30% votes, and in a triangular contest, the challenge was to get an additional 7-8% votes, which takes you through. "Rajeev (Chandrashekar) has a possibility. He gets young people. He has an appeal there," he said.

On the issue of granting dual citizenship, the minister said the general sense now is that the problems of dual citizenship outweigh the benefits. "At the moment, I don't see that happening, but I am not ruling it out forever," he said.

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	40	28	Mumbai	39	29
Bhopal	37	24	Panaji	33	28
Jaipur	36	24	Patna	41	28
Amritsar	32	18	Lucknow	38	24
Chennai	34	28	Port Blair	33	26
Kolkata	38	28	Imphal	32	19
Srinagar	20	08	Chandigarh	33	21

SAHARANPUR

BJP FACES RAJPUT IRE IN 3-CORNER BATTLE

PREETHA NAIR @ Saharanpur

ON Tuesday, all roads leading to Saharanpur city are lined up with lotus flags and huge cutouts of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and PM Modi. As Yogi Adityanath along with Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Raghav Lakhanpal took out a massive roadshow in an open, flower-decked vehicle in the evening, the waiting crowd on both sides of the pavement cheered with Jai Shri Ram chants.

Significantly, this is the third visit of the Chief Minister to Saharanpur in an apparent effort to contain the ire of the Rajput community, which has openly issued boycott calls against the BJP in Western Uttar Pradesh. Saharanpur goes to poll on Friday (April 19), in the first phase of Lok Sabha elections. Though the Rajputs, who traditionally vote for the BJP, organized maha panchayats in Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, and Meerut last week extending support for BJP's rivals, the BJP leaders say that the effective intervention of Yogi Adityanath, Union minister Rajnath Singh and Haryana Chief Minister has helped to quell the dissent.

Sanjay Chauhan, a BJP worker from Behat, admits that there was discontent over only one Lok Sabha ticket for the community. "The issues have been settled now. We held a meeting yesterday and declared our support for the BJP after the top leaders assured us that our concerns will be addressed next time," says Chauhan, who runs a hardware shop. "This election is between Hindus and Muslims. Only the BJP government at the Centre and state can rein in the majority Muslim community in this area," says another BJP loyalist Mohit Goel.

Behat, one of the assembly seats in Saharanpur boasts of a large Muslim population. Saharanpur comprises the five assembly seats Saharanpur, Saharanpur Rural, Deoband, Rampur, Maniharan, and Behat.

Though the fault lines are wide open, the Muslim community brushes off any confrontation between Hindus and Muslims in the locality. "In this election, livelihood issues are more important. The wave is in favor of the Congress-SP candidate," says Mohammed Aslam, another shopkeeper from the locality. With a triangular contest between the BJP, the Samajwadi Party (SP) — Congress alliance, and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Saharanpur, a Muslim-dominated constituency, has become one of the most keenly watched elections in western Uttar Pradesh.

The BJP has fielded Raghav Lakhanpal, for the third consecutive term, hoping to repeat its stunning 2014 performance. While Congress fielded Imran Masood, the BSP candidate Majid Ali is in the fray. Congress candidate Imran Masood, who hit headlines during the 2014 elections, with his controversial statement that "will chop off Modi into pieces," is trying his luck for the third time. Though Masood switched parties after the 2019 election, the Congress workers are confident that he will get a comfortable majority this time with the support of the SP alliance.

KAIRANA, 'A COMMUNAL RAGA' 1

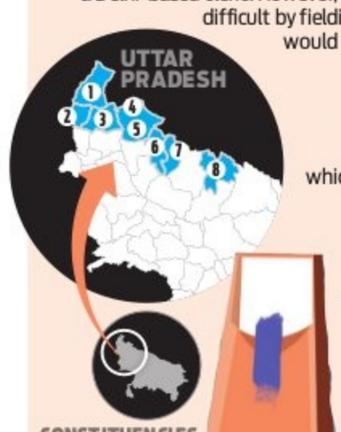
Earlier known for 'Kirana Gharana' of Hindustani classical music, Kairana is now known for its 'communal raga'. In a three-cornered fight, BJP has reposed faith in MP Pradeep Chaudhury, SP has fielded Munawwar's daughter Ikra Hasan.Mayawati's BSP has fielded a retired BSF jawan Sripal Singh Rana

RAMPUR 2

Rampur with over 51 % Muslim population, is set to witness an intriguing battle between BJP MP Ghanshyam Lodhi and SP's Maulana Mohibullah Nadvi, a Delhi-based cleric. However, BSP has made SP's job difficult by fielding Zeeshan Khan, who would dent SP core vote base

BIJNOR 3

Bijnor is in the kitty of NDA partner RLD, which has fielded Chandan Chauhan, its MLA from Meerapur. From Bijnor, Mayawati had contested her first election. However, this time it is being seen as a contest between RLD and BSP



CONSTITUENCIES
1 Saharanpur
2 Kairana,
3 Muzzafarnagar
4 Bijnor
5 Nagina
6 Muradabad
7 Rampur
8 Pilibhit

"I am upset. I am a human being; I have self-respect therefore I have refused to participate in the campaign; I can't displease my voters. However, this is a fight to save the country, Constitution

Dr ST Hasan, MP Moradabad

There are two Muslim candidates against the BJP. Moreover, there is anger against the BJP from their voters like Sainis, Rajputs. This will help the alliance candidate

Qureshi, shop owner

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Sanjay Chauhan, BJP worker from Behat

'MUSLIMS ACCOUNT FOR 40% OF THE ELECTORATE'

Saharanpur has Muslims making over 40 per cent of the electorate. After winning the seat in 2014 under sweeping Modi wave by drubbling Imran Masood of Congress by 65,000 votes, BJP candidate Raghav Lakhanpal Sharma had lost the seat to BSP's Fazlur Rehman in 2019 when SP, BSP and RLD were contesting in alliance. Saharanpur, the seat of Asia's biggest Islamic seminary Darul Uloom in Deoband, comprises five assembly seats: Saharanpur, Saharanpur Rural, Deoband, Rampur Maniharan, and Behat

4 MUZAFFARNAGAR

A Jat-dominated seat, Muzaffarnagar is witnessing a tough three-corner fight where Union minister and BJP candidate Sanjeev Baliyan is seeking a third term. He is, however, facing a tough challenge from SP's Harendra Mallik, also a Jat. Meanwhile, making the contest interesting, BSP's Dara Singh Prajapati is marking his presence by reaching out to potential voters

5 NAGINA

The reserved seat is witnessing a multi-cornered fight with BJP, SP, BSP and Chandrashekhar Azad of Bhim Army in fray. In the 2022 Assembly polls, out of the five segments, SP won Najibabad, Nagina and Noorpur Assembly segments, but BJP got Dhampur and Nehtaur. If Chandrashekhar cuts into the votes of the BSP, the BJP candidate's path would become easier

6 PILIBHIT

Though the slogans backing Maneka Gandhi are missing from political landscape of Pilibhit, as BJP has snubbed MP Varun Gandhi replacing him with Congress turncoat Jitin Prasada, yet the stage is all set for a fiercefight on the ground with SP having fielded Bhagwat Charan Gangwar. BSP has added colour to fight by fielding Anis Ahmad Khan alias Gulab Babu

MORADABAD

BJP, SP SLOG IT OUT IN THE LAND OF BIRYANI

PARVEZ SULTAN @Moradabad

IN the meetings of the BJP's local units in Moradabad, emphasis is on bringing voters to polling stations on the voting day. Encouraging party sympathisers to come out and vote is a course correction the BJP has planned following the "mistake" it committed in the last Lok Sabha elections.

"Last time we thought we were winning, therefore didn't make much effort. The party lost this seat despite a strong Modi wave that swept the country. In every meeting, stress is on working on the ground to ensure each voter reaches the booth and votes on April 19," said Sudhanshu Agrawal, convener of BJP's Moradabad Dehat unit. The BJP has nominated Kunwar Sarvesh Kumar Singh, an influential zamindar of the district, fourth time from the seat while the Samajwadi Party has preferred former MLA of Bijnor Ruchi Veera over incumbent Dr ST Hasan. Veera belongs to the influential family of Bijnor, which is part of the management of education institutions in UP and Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi. Considered a close confidant of party heavyweight from Rampur Azam Khan, she managed to get the nomination at the eleventh hour. The BSP has fielded Irfan Saifi, chairman of Thakurdwara Nagar Palika.

"The message is being sent out to support and vote for Modi. We can't afford to make a mistake again," said Agrawal who stays in Mandi Bans of old city area, close to the residence-cum-nursing home of Hasan.

In 2019, Hasan wrested the seat from Singh when the SP had stitched an alliance with BSP. Moradabad is among five seats won by the SP in UP. Singh had defeated Hasan in 2014 after an unsuccessful debut in 2009 Lok Sabha polls. Guddu Chaudhary, incharge, Moradabad division of Bharatiya Gauraksha Sena, also said "overconfidence" led to BJP's defeat in 2019. The other reason was the SP-BSP alliance that transferred Jatav votes to Hasan, he added.

"This time Jatavs are with us. Moreover people who have benefitted from the schemes introduced by Modi, such as Ujjawala and Ayushman Bharat health card, will fetch votes for BJP," said Chaudhary, who runs a dhaba. Besides consolidation of Hindu votes, simmering anger among some SP sympathisers against the leadership for ignoring Hasan is a concern for the party. Some said SP chief Akhilesh Yadav should come to Moradabad and hold a rally with Hasan to quell dissatisfaction among voters.

Locals and SP supporters believe that a direct contest between SP and BJP, meaning no split in minority votes, would result in Veera's victory. "It seems BSP will not get a good votes. Akhilesh must bring Dr Hasan on board to prevent a divide in Muslim votes," said an SP sympathiser.

BJP is facing pro-incumbency, says Baluni

IN the picturesque Lok Sabha constituency of Garhwal, BJP's national media head Anil Baluni is banking on 'Modi's guarantee' to see him through the elections. He is challenged by Ganesh Godiyal of the Congress in a constituency that is home to some of the most revered Hindu religious sites. In conversation with **Kavita Bajeli-Datt**, Baluni talks about the problem of large-scale migration from hills, maintaining a delicate balance between development and environment and the Uniform Civil Code. **Excerpts**:

What is your vision for your constituency?
Our constituency has five districts and 14 assembly segments. We want to link religious tourism with job generation. We have we have places like Badrinath, Kedarnath, Devprayag, Hemkunth Sahib, Valley of Flowers, Jim Corbett, Rajaji National Park and Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve. My objective is to stop large-scale migration of people from hills. I have started an initiative called 'Apna Vote, Apna Gaon' (my vote, my village).

How is Uttarakhand aligned with 'Viksit Bharat'?
Modi ji has said the coming decade belongs to Uttarakhand. We are working towards that. We plan to develop two or more tourist spots in each district. In two years, our train -- a new railway line from Rishikesh to Karnaparyag -- will be ready. It will be a game changer for the state and the people.

Uttarakhand is the first state to have passed the Uniform Civil Code. Will BJP plan to implement it nationally?
The UCC passed by the state Assembly is awaiting a legal review and analysis. We are holding a detailed discussion. Other states can also consider it. Let the debate take place. If there is a need, we'll make changes.

There is discontent against Angiveer. Will this impact the party's prospects?
We have worked on this. Rajnath Singhji has already made a clear statement. We are open to change in the Agniveer recruitment scheme if necessary. He had said that the government has ensured that the future of the Agniveers is secure. Home Minister Amit Shah has also announced a 10% reservation for former Agniveers in vacancies in the Border Security Force, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), and para-military forces.

Rahul Gandhi has accused your party of indulging in large-scale corruption through electoral bonds...
We should not take Rahul Gandhi's statement seriously. Electoral bonds were started with a good motive to reduce the influence of black money in politics. If they have any suggestions, we can also look into them.

Do you plan to reform Muslim Personal laws?
Congress has always believed in appeasement policy. We have never made the distinction between Hindus and Muslims. Another Congress leader said a Muslim University should be set up in Uttarakhand. They have made these statements and distinctions. We have vowed that in this 'dev bhumi' (lands of the Gods) where we have Char-Dham, we won't allow any demographic changes. Congress wants to make demographic changes. Congress wants to change the face of this state. If we see the 2011 census, then after Assam, Uttarakhand is the second state where we have seen demographical changes. We will not allow the state to be changed like this.

Will the anti-incumbency factor will have an impact on the 2024 elections?
No. We are seeing pro-incumbency. People have full faith in Modi ji.

J&K/UTTARAKHAND

BJP unlikely to contest 3 Valley seats, Shah drops broad hint at Jammu rally

FAYAZ WANI/ NARENDRA SETHI @Jammu/Dehradun

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah hinted at not fielding candidates for three Lok Sabha seats in Kashmir and assured that assembly polls would be held on time.

Speaking on Tuesday during a poll campaign in the Paloura area of Jammu in support of BJP candidate Jugal Kishore, Shah accused the National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party of introducing the gun culture in Kashmir.

"I have come here to tell all voters of Kashmir that we are not in a hurry. When we receive your love, the lotus will also bloom in the Valley. We don't have any worries," said Amit Shah.

Of the five Lok Sabha seats in Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP has so far named candidates only for Udhampur and Jammu LS seats, which are going to polls in the first and second phases.

There is speculation that the saffron party won't field candidates in the Valley and might support non-NC, non-PDP, and non-Congress party candidates there.

"I have come to appeal to the voters of Kashmir, especially the young voters, to vote for anybody but not for three dynastic parties — NC, PDP, and Congress. Farooq Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti, and Sonia Gandhi work for their daughters and sons and not for the people," Shah emphasized.

Holding another rally at Durgapur in the Kotdwar area in Uttarakhand on the final leg of campaigning ahead of the initial phase of Lok Sabha polls on April 19, Shah emphasized the significance of the upcoming Ram Navami celebration on Wednesday, highlighting that it will be a momentous occasion as it commemorates the birthday of Ram Lalla at a magnificent temple after a hiatus of 500 years. This event marks the transition from the previous temporary structure that served as the deity's abode to the grand temple.

Union Minister Shah was addressing an election rally at Durgapur when he said, "We are fortunate to witness this historic occasion. The Congress has prolonged the Ram temple issue for numerous years. However, the Modi government has successfully fulfilled its commitment."

ELECTION2024

2 Bihar leaders join Congress

Senior leader of 'Vikassheel Swaraj Party' Prem Kumar Choudhary and an ophthalmologist Manish Kumar Yadav joined the Congress at the AICC headquarters on Tuesday. Congress' Bihar in-charge Mohan Prakash and Pradesh Congress Committee president Akhilesh Prasad Singh welcomed both the leaders.

A deadly trek for sake of democracy in Arunachal

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

A nine-hour bumpy ride followed by an arduous trek in treacherous terrain for 60 km seems like a real adventure. Here though, the trek will not end with a song, dance or a campfire but promises to light up the dance of India's democracy.

The trekkers will be election officials of Arunachal Pradesh and their destination is Raha, one of the remote locations where voting will be held for simultaneous Assembly and Lok Sabha elections on April 19.

A team of six polling personnel and as many porters left Palin, the district headquarters of Kra Daadi, for Raha early Tuesday morning carrying foodstuffs, drinking water and tents with them.

District Magistrate Sunny K Singh said, "It will take two to three hours to cover the last eight to ten kilometres in a 4X4 vehicle to reach Yaluha. From there, they will walk and trek through 55-60 km to reach Raha. It will be a challenge for them to reach the place considering the steep hills and inhospitable terrain," Singh said.

After passing through forested areas, the team would reach Raha after two-and-a-half days.

Official sources said the team would head to Parsi-Parlo via Niobia, the circle headquarters of Kurung Kumey district, and hold at Yaluha under the Kra Daadi district. Later, it would leave for the Government Secondary School, Biya where the polling station for Raha has been set up.

"This polling station is the toughest, located at a distance of about 55-60 kms from the nearest road head point, Parsi Parlo. Polling teams are required to go on a foot march amidst the thickly forested, inhospitable, and precipitous mountain ridges where rains-induced landslides are common. Therefore, the foot-march is fraught with many dangers," an official statement read.

"However, despite the challenges, the polling teams make this arduous foot march, battling with leeches, insects and snakes along the way during every election. EVM and VVPAT along with other election materials carried get exposed to adverse weather," the statement further said. This election, one sector magistrate and one sector police officer have been appointed against the single polling station.

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MIDDLE EAST ON EDGE AFTER ISRAEL VOWS RESPONSE TO IRAN STRIKES

Iran said it would consider the matter concluded unless provoked

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL and Iran traded threats on Tuesday after Tehran's first ever direct attack on its arch foe sharply heightened regional tensions as the Gaza war ground on with no truce in sight.

Israeli military spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said Iran would not get off "scot-free" after Iran and its allies launched a barrage of over 300 missiles, drones and rockets at Israel at the weekend.

"We cannot stand still from this kind of aggression," Hagari said, a day after Israel's military chief vowed there would "a response" to Iran's offensive.

Iran said its attack was an act of self-defence following a deadly Israeli air strike on its consulate in Syria, and that it would consider the matter "concluded" unless Israel retaliated. Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi warned that "the slightest action against Iran's interests will definitely be met with a severe, extensive and painful response".

US President Joe Biden stressed on Monday that "the United States is committed to Israel's security" and wants to prevent the conflict from spreading.

Washington, Israel's top ally and arms supplier, has made clear it will not join Israel in any attack on their common adversary Iran, a senior US official said. World leaders have urged restraint and de-escalation.

Pro-Palestinian demonstrators try to break through a fence backed by Fremont police officers during a protest in California | AP

During a phone call with Iran's Raisi, Russian President Vladimir Putin called on both sides to "prevent a new round of confrontation fraught with catastrophic consequences for the entire region", the Kremlin said. Israel has meanwhile kept bombing targets in Gaza, the Hamas-ruled coastal territory that has been largely devastated by more than six months of war and a siege on its 2.4 million people. Since the Iranian attack, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has twice convened his war cabinet, set up after Palestinian militant group Hamas launched the October 7 attack that sparked the bloodiest ever Gaza war.

Israel was weighing its options after the Iranian drone and missile onslaught, which caused little damage as Israeli defences intercepted most projectiles, helped by US, British and French forces as well as regional allies. *AFP*

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 193

GAZA TOLL SO FAR
34,262

Yellen warns of more sanctions against Iran

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen warned Tuesday of further sanctions targeting Iran following its unprecedented attack on Israel over the weekend, saying she expects Washington will take added action in the coming days. "I fully expect that we will take additional sanctions action against Iran in the coming days," she said

INVESTIGATION

China subsidy fuels fentanyl crisis in US, panel says

WASHINGTON

CHINA is fuelling the fentanyl crisis in the US by directly subsidising the manufacturing of materials that are used by traffickers to make the drug outside the country, according to a report released Tuesday by a special House committee focused on countering the Chinese government.

Committee investigators said they accessed a government website that revealed tax rebates for the production of specific fentanyl precursors as well as other synthetic drugs as long as those companies sell them outside of China.

'Through its actions, as our report has revealed, the Chinese Communist Party is telling us that it wants more fentanyl entering our country,' said Rep Mike Gallagher, the Republican chairman of the special House committee. 'It wants the chaos and devastation that has resulted from the epidemic.' In November, President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping announced a resumption of bilateral cooperation on counternarcotics with a focus on reducing the flow of precursor chemicals and synthetic drug trafficking. But the congressional report raises questions about whether China is following through.

The report's findings were released Tuesday as part of a hearing examining China's role in the fentanyl epidemic in the US. Most overdose deaths in the US continue to be linked to fentanyl and other synthetic opioids. Inexpensive fentanyl is increasingly cut into other drugs. *PTI*

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is an information to General Public that My Client/s **1. Mr. BALA. M., 2. Mrs. K SELVAPRIYA., have entered into Agreement of Sale for Purchase of the Schedule Property from its owner Mr. RAVIKUMARA.P S/o. Mr. Puttaswami,** R/at:# 96/5, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, HBR 5th Block Extension, Prakruthi Layout, Hennur Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560043. any person/s, institutions or banks having any rights, share, claims, or objections to proposed purchase may file their objections to the proposed purchase in writing along copies of supporting documents within 10 days from the date of this publication to the purchaser's advocate at below mentioned address failing which my client/s will advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for registration of sale deed in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and Parcel of Residential Property bearing Site No. 33/1D, BBMP Katha No. 24/395/33/1/33/D, Property No.33/1, Present Property No.33/1C, Old Katha No. 395, Situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Measuring East to West 28 Feet and North to South 30 Feet and Bounded East by Road, West Property Belonging to Mrs. Navamani, North By Private Property South By Property Belonging to Mr. Shivalal.

SATISH PRASAD.R B.Com., LL.B., Advocate
Office No. 68, 7th Cross, 5th Main,
N.B. Layout. Lingarajapuram, St. Thomas Town, BANGALORE: 560 084
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DOCUMENT LOST

This is to inform the general public that I, **SUDESHNA MUKHERJEE** W/o Sudeep Kumar Mukherjee, No. 601, PENT HOUSE, RAMAIAH ENCLAVE 8th main 2nd Cross, Pai Layout, Near KR Puram, Vidhya Nagar, Doorvaninagar, Bangalore 560016. Owner of the below mentioned property and we had purchased the immovable property being a Residential Apartment (Dwelling Unit) No.0204 Type LXA in Block G,Tower 22, 2nd Floor measuring 2490 Sq ft. Super built up area of the Multistories Building called SANDEEP VIHAR With car parking Space No.G22-CPB-31 in the Basement and G-22 CPS-01 in the stilt car parking, now bearing E-Katha No: 522/G22/0204. PID No:150200401700121974, in the kannamangala village, Bidarahalli hobil, Bangalore, East Taluk, Bangalore vide REGD NO: 4724, book No: 1, **Dated 18.01.2016** in office of sub Registar of Shivajinagar, Ulsoor, Bengalore Executed by Army Welfare Housing Organization, New Delhi (AWHO) Through its Authorized Signatory Col V SK Reddy Represented by his Special Power of Attorney Holder Shri Prakash CK for valuable sale consideration from Army Welfare Housing Organization, New Delhi (AWHO) Through its Authorized Signatory Col VSK Reddy Represented by his Special Power of Attorney Holder Shri Prakash CK in pursuance of which we acquired right, title and interest went missing.

I have thereby lodged a complaint on **24.12.2021** Complaint No **LR NO.1096166/2021** to Crime Branch, Delhi reporting of missing of the said Absolute Sale Deed dated **16.01.2016.**

If anybody finds the above mentioned all or any documents please immediately inform /return it to the undersigned on the above mentioned address or contact Asst.General Manager, State Bank of India, RACPC, Naraina, New Delhi.

S. SUBASHINI, B.Sc., LL.B Advocate & Notary
Public Govt of India No. 402, 3rd Floor,
Mathrusree silver oak apartments,
Kamasree layout, Medahalli, Bengaluru 560044

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
FORM No. 19
Notice to the Respondent No.3 vide Court order dated: 22/03/2024
CMP No. 180/2022
(VIDEO CONFERENCING/PHYSICAL HEARING)

SRI. ATUL KUMAR K.N. ...PETITIONER/S
[SRI. A. CHANDRACHUD AND NITHIN B.M. - ADVOCATES FOR THE PETITIONER]
-V/s-
M/s. S.S. & S.V. BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS REGISTERED PARTNERSHIP FIRM AND OTHERS **...RESPONDENTS/S**
[V/o DATED: 13/03/2023, SERVICE OF NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS No. 1 AND 2 IS HELD SUFFICIENT]

To, **RESPONDENT No.3: SRI. N.R. JAISHANKAR**, S/o LATE N.M. RAMASWAMY, AGED ABOUT 64 YEARS PARTNER **M/s. S.S. & S.V. BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS**, RESIDING AT No. 791, 34TH CROSS, 14TH MAIN, BSK 2ND STAGE, BENGALURU - 560 070. **...RESPONDENT/S**

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed a Petition on this Court Under Section 11(4) and (5) of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. Emergent Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you, in the CMP No. 180/2022 on **27-05-2024** at 10:30 A.M in case you intend to contest the Petition. If you fail to appear, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of the Court on 30-03-2024.

By order of the court, Assistant Registrar, High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to the information of the General Public that, my client Sri. Nanjappa, S/o. Late Nanjundappa, aged about 82 years, residing at No. 22/1, Sri Manjunatha Nilaya, Papaiah Lane, Doddamavalli, Bangalore - 560004, is the absolute owner of the residential building consisting of ground floor, first floor and portion of second floor, totally measuring 1700 sq.ft. of super built up area constructed upon a residential site bearing Municipal New No. 22/1, PID No. 61-19-22/1, (Old No. 17, Later 22), situated at Papaiah Lane, Mavalli (Doddamavalli), Bangalore - 560004 Mahanagara Palike Ward Old No. 37 later 53 now BBMP Ward No. 143, Site measuring East to West 34 feet and North to South 32.6 feet in all measuring 1105 sq.ft., one Sri. S.R. Devegowda, S/o. Sri. Rajanna @ Rajaiah @ Basave gowda, aged about 45 years, residing at No. 56, Seegepalya Village, Doddamavathur Post, Huliyurdurga Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkur District 572130, have executed the registered Agreement to Sell dated 19-07-2017 vide book No. 1, Document No. CMP-1-02574-2017-18 stored in C.D. No. CMPD183 registered before the Senior Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi (Chamarajapet), Bangalore, thereafter some misunderstanding arose between the parties, my client has returned the advance sale consideration amount to the said Sri. S.R. Devegowda by stage by stage, after several effort made by my client the Purchaser Sri. S.R. Devegowda is not in touch with my client. Hence contact the undersigned counsel within 15 days, and receive the balance advance sale consideration amount, and return the original documents pertaining the above said property along with Agreement to Sell dated 19-07-2017, and execute the cancellation of the Agreement to Sell.

E.S. NANJUNDAPPA, Advocate
No. 14/91, Priyanka Layout, Rayasandra,
Huskur Post, Anekal Tq., Bengaluru-560 099.
Mob: 94820 16128, 9141712126

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, HARI OM SHARMA son of DARYAO SINGH SHARMA residing at # 1137, 2nd Main, Opp Ketham Hospital, 2nd Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranya pura, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka 560097, declare that name of mine and my father have been wrongly written as HARI OM and DARYAO SINGH in my Matriculation Certificate and Naval Service records. That actual name of mine and my father is HARI OM SHARMA and DARYAO SINGH SHARMA respectively, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

HARI OM SHARMA
(Signature)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Sri. Gagan Leekha S/o Sri Ashok Kumar Leekha is the owner of the property more fully described in the Schedule having acquired under a Sale Deed dated 31/07/2010 registered as document No. ANK-1-01229-2010-11, in Book – I, Stored in CD No. ANKD259 dated 31/07/2010 from Sri C. Ajay Kumar in his favour.

My client states that the (1) Original Sale Deed dated 31/07/2010 registered as document No. ANK-1-01229-2010-11, in Book – I, Stored in CD No. ANKD259 dated 31/07/2010 and (2) Original Rectification Deed dated 27/07/2011 registered as Document No. ANK-1-01423-2011-12, in Book – I, Stored in CD No. ANKD279 dated 27/07/2011 both executed by Sri C. Ajay Kumar in favour of Sri Gagan Leekha are irretrievably lost. Thus, my client has lodged a police complaint online, on 04/04/2024 with Karnataka State Police, Bangalore City with E-Lost Report No. 1002872/2024.

If anyone finds the above documents or if anyone is having this document in their custody, the same may be handed over to the undersigned within **Ten days** from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Public are hereby cautioned not to deal with anyone who provides the aforesaid document. If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within Ten days from today, along with relevant claim documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my clients and would not be considered by my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site No. 3, Khatha No. 73, formed in the residential converted Sy No. 113/2, the layout known as 'Chandra Kantha Infinity' situated at Surajakkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District the layout duly approved by the BMRDA by its letter No. BMRDA/LAO/70/2008-09, dated 09/07/2010 measuring East to West: 60.00 Feet and North to South: 40.00 Feet, totally measuring 2400 Sq Feet and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 7
West by : Road
North by : Site No. 2
South by : Site No. 4

J.N.ALASINGAR, Advocate
193, 5th Main Road, 3rd Phase, J.P. Nagar
Bangalore – 560 078. Mob : 9900095158
Bangalore Dated: 16/04/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client D Sunil S/o B M Devendra Gupta, Aadhar No. 5011 8665 6450, Residing at No. 1278, 9th A Main, 6th Cross, Srinivasanagar, Banashankari, Bangalore South-560050 informs the General Public that, he has lost the original documents of Sale Deed dated 04.09.1950 which is registered as Document No. 3640/1950-51 in respect of the schedule property mentioned herein below. In this regard my client had lodged a Police Complaint on 07.04.2024 vide Lost Report No. 1006133/2024. If any persons who can trace/finds the same may please hand over it to the aforesaid owner/undersigned advocate within 15 days from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Municipal No. 61, situated at 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, APK Road, 2nd Block, Thyagarajanagara, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of BBMP, Old Ward No. 51, New Ward Basavanagudi Ward No. 154, Bangalore, New BBMP Katha No. 61, PID No. 51-92-61, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 80 feet in all measuring 2400 square feet and bounded on the:-

East by: Property belongs to Rajappa / Now property No. 60/1 belongs to V Damodharan; West by: Property belongs to Muniyappa / Now property belongs to Narasimhamurthy; North by: Road; South by: Property belongs to Mangalam / Now property belongs to Chandrasheka:

Sd/- **MANJUNATH .V,** Advocate
LEX AVENUE, Advocates & Solicitors
No. 42/1, 7th Cross, 5th Main Road,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.
Mobile : 8123404474 / 9141741762
Place: Bangalore Dated : 16.04.2024

IN THE COURT OF THE XI ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU (COMMERCIAL COURT COMPLEX)
COM O.S. No.390/2023

Plaintiff: MRG Realtors LLP , Registered office at No. 113, 'Pallava Terrace', Opp. Yediyur Lake, Kanakapura Main Road, 1st Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560 082. Represented by its Designated Partner, Mr. R.P. Goyal **-V/s-**
DEFENDANT: Parkway Holdings Pvt. Ltd. and others

SUMMONS

To, **Parkway Holdings Pvt Limited,** at 4C-121, Pushpagiri, 4th Cross, 2nd Main, Kasturinagar, Bengaluru-560043 **...DEFENDANT No. 1.**
AND: Mr. PK Gajra, s/o Mr. Hariram Gajra at 4C-121, 4th Cross, 2nd Main, Kasturinagar, Bengaluru- 560043 **... DEFENDANT No. 2**

Whereas MRG Realtors LLP, represented by its Designated Partner, Mr. R.P Goyal, has instituted a suit against you for Declaration and Perpetual Injunction in relation with Villa No. 5 of Tivoli Project, Sheegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk (formerly in Hoskote Taluk), Bengaluru District, you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person, able to answer all such questions, on the **27-05-2024** at 11:00 AM in the Hon'ble Court to answer the claim.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 16-04-2024.

By order of the court, Sheristedar, X ADDL district & Sessions court, bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff: **DUA ASSOCIATES**
#130/1, 2nd Floor, Ulsoor Road,
Bengaluru-560042.

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

I, RAHUL P, residing at Marenahalli, Bengaluru -562149 do hereby inform to the general public that in between 10th jan. 2024 and 16th April 2024, while I was shifting my house at marenahalli village, I have lost my document of Absolute Sale Deed, vide doc. **1.** No. 5721/2005-2006, sy 34/4 maranayakanahalli village JALA hobali **2.** No. 17310/2004-2005 sy 34/4 maranayakanahalli village JALA hobali **3.** No. 3170/2007-2008 Sy.31/2 maranayakanahalli village JALA hobali **4.** No. 21299/2004-2005 Sy.No. 31/2 maranayakanahalli village JALA hobali Inspite of best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 16-04-2024, I had lodged complaint at Police Unit, Benglauru City, Vide Lost Report No. 1015893/2024. If anybody finds the above said document please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on 9380800037

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients **Mr. N.T. Rayudu,** and **Mr. Adil Faramroz Sethna,** are the present joint-owners of under mentioned property.

The Original Sale Deed Dated 17/09/2010 vide Document No. VRT-1-03911-2010-11 of book no. 1 stored in CD No. VRTD81 registered in the office of the Subregistrar Varthur, Bengaluru in respect of Flat No.A-401,Fourth Floor, in the SESNA Wing of the ELAN residential complex, having super built up area 1803 Sq Ft, with two covered car parking area, situated at Kaikondanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk has been lost in Bangalore, while travelling by auto at Varthur on 13.03.2024.

All our best efforts in tracing the same have been in vain, and therefore police complaint has been lodged in this regarding on 13.04.2024, vide Lost Report No. 1013043/2024 at Varthur Police Station.

If anyone finds the aforesaid document, may please contact the address given below, and will be suitably rewarded.

Office Address:
Narendra Badiger - Advocate
Opp. SSVR Tridex Apartment, Varthur, Bengaluru-560087,

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL II AT BANGALORE
CASE NO: 0.A 808/2023
Summons under Sub-Section (4) of section 19 of the Act read with sub-rule (2A) of Rule 5 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993.

STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, BANGALORE **...APPLICANT**
AND:
SRI. KANNAN NAIDU AND ANOTHER ... DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

To:
1) Mr.Kannan Naidu G S/o Govindaswamy Naidu, Aged about 52 years, R/o 55, 3rd Main, 11th cross, Shreyas Colony, JP Nagar, 7th Phase Bangalore-560078.
And also at: R/o N.498, Harinagar Hamlet, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560078
2) Mrs.Suguna P. W/o Ravi K, Aged about 45 years, R/o No.49/2, 5th Cross, 3rd Main Srinidhi Layout, Konanakunte, Bangalore-560062.

WHEREAS this Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993, against the Defendant(s) you for recovery of a sum Amount of debt in in **Rs. 37,47,085/-(Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Eighty Five Only)** Defendant(s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 18.07.2024 at 10.30 a.m.** (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **6th day of April 2024.**

By order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II

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BENJAMIN DISRAELI

IN THE COURT OF THE 18th ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, AT-BANGALORE
Crl.Mis.No.31/2024

Petitioner/s: 1. G. Jayarama, S/o Late Guddaiah, aged about 54 years, R/o No.47 'SGRS' Nilaya, 2nd Stage, Mysore Lamp Layout, Channenayakanapalya, Nagasadra Post, Bangalore-560 073, **2. M.T. Hanumantharaju,** S/o Late. Thimmegowda, aged about 43 years, **3. Rajamma** D/o Late Thimmegowda, aged about 39 years, **4. Bhagya** D/o Late Thimmegowda, aged about 35 years, **5. Gowramma** D/o Late Guddaiah, aged about 65 years, **6. Rangamma** D/o Late Guddaiah, aged about 58 years, **7. Hemavathi** D/o Late Guddaiah, aged about 57 years, **8. Lakshmamma** D/o Late Guddaiah, aged about 50 years, Petitioner No.2 to 8, All are R/o Sadashivanagara, Nelamangala Town Bangalore Rural District - 562 123 **-V/s-**
Respondent/s: 1. The Commissioner, BBMP, N.R. Square Bangalore - 560 001, **2. The Assistant Director (Statistics),** Rajarajeshwarinagar Zone BBMP Bangalore- 560 001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Where as the above named petitioners has filed the petition seeking for issuance of the Death certificate of **Akkayamma** W/o Guddaiah Who had expired on date.05.05.2020. at petitioners house number 47, "SGRS" Nilaya, 2nd stage Mysore lamp layout, Channa Nayakanapalya, Nagasandra post, Bangalore-560073. and body was cremated vaddarahalli village, Gulur Hobli, Tumakuru Taluk and district, the said case in crl.mis 31/2024, is pending before the Hon'ble 18th ACMM court at Bangalore.

public in General having any objection to the said petition are Hereby summoned to appear before this Honorable court in person or Through pleader/advocate **04-05-2024 at 11:00 A.M.** failing which the Court shall proceed in the petition as prayed the above matter will be disposed on merits.

Give under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 15-04-2024.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, 18th ACMM Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Petitioner: **J.R. Thippeswamy**
No 2, Mourya mansion, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru- 560 009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of my client Mr. Babu T that the property described in the schedule hereunder is purchased by my Client. The original sale deed of the previous Vendor namely M.R. Hanumantharayappa was handed over to my Client, vide Doc. No. ANK-1-00739/2005-2006, stored in CD No ANKD 58, Pages 1 to 8, dated 11-04-2005, registered before the Sub Registrar Anekal, Bangalore has been lost / misplaced.

My Client has lodged a police complaint in Hebbagodi Police Station dated 12-04-2024. Anybody having received the said documents kindly inform the undersigned within a period of 15 days of the paper publication, In case if the said documents are mortgaged/misused, my Client shall not be held responsible.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential site bearing No.23, Khata No 589/15/23 issued by Hebbagodi Nagarasaba, Bangalore, measuring 1089 sq.ft. with a shed constructed on AC sheet measuring about 100 sq.ft of built up area situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Measuring East to West: 33 ft, North to South : 33 ft, totally measuring 1089 sq.ft. (1 Gunta) and bounded on the :-

East By : Property belongs to Anand, West By : Property belongs to Rajanna, North By : 5 ft Cross Road & Property belongs to Doddaabbaiah, South By : Property belongs to Ramesh.

Sd/- **Nanaiah N S,** Advocate
Off: No. 27/B, Deccan Palms, Ananthnagar Phase II, Huskur Gate, Opp. Dwarka Nilaya Apts, Electronic City, Bangalore - 560 100.
Date: 16-04-2024

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Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 16-04-2024.

By order of the court, Sheristedar, X ADDL district & Sessions court, bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff: **DUA ASSOCIATES**
#130/1, 2nd Floor, Ulsoor Road,
Bengaluru-560042.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES (Banking Division)
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BANGALURU
4th Floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 025.

RC No. 108/2023 (OA No. 1333/2020)
Notice to Legal Heir/Representative of CD1 - Late Muniyappa

Between :
Canara Bank **Certificate Holder**
Versus
Mr. Muniyappa and others **Certificate Debtors**

Legal Heir of Deceased CD No. 1 Muniyappa
1) Mr. Venugopal
S/o. Late Muniyappa
Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural Karnataka-562110
1) Mrs. Gowramma, W/o. Late Muniyappa
2) Mr. Purshottam S/o. Late Muniyappa
3) Mr. Ramesh S/o. Late Muniyappa All are residing at Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural Karnataka-562110.

Legal Heir of Deceased CD No. 1 of RC.

Whereas Recovery Certificate issued in RC No. 108/2023 has been forwarded by Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bengaluru to the undersigned for the recovery of debt amounting to Rs. **68,72,869/-** (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Nine only) as on 26.08.2020 with subsequent interest as mentioned in the Recovery Certificate and costs from the CDs/Defendants as per R.C and whereas the CD No. 1 namely Mr. Muniyappa reported as died leaving behind you as being one of legal heir/representative. In view of the above, the Certificate Holder Bank field on affidavit and sought reliefs thereunder.

You are hereby given notice that steps will be taken under all or any of the provision of Sec. 25 to 28 of RDB Act 1993 read with Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 to recover the above said amount from the estate of the deceased CD No. 1 together with future interest payable and the costs, charges and expensed incurred in respect of warrants and other rocesses issued and all other proceedings taken for realizing the specified amount. No. 1 of your herein above being one of the CD is liable for the dues to the CH Bank and being the legal heir of the deceased CD No. 1 and to the extent of their estate fell into your hand.

You are hereby given notice that steps will be taken under all or any of the Provisions of Sec. 25 of RDB Act 1993 read with II Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 to recover the above said amount from you together with future interest payable and the costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of warrants and other processes issued and all other proceedings taken for realizing the specified amount with future interest, costs and expenses incurred so far and the aforesaid is payable by you within 15 days from the date of service of this notice.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this **14.03.2024.**

Recovery Officer-I
Debtrs Recovery Tribunal-2, Bangalore.

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the II Schedule to the Inome Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 which is reproduced below.

Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, not shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt. dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. Nagamani.V.R** W/o H.R Gundu Rao, Aged about 56 years, R/a No. 101, 3rd Main, 2nd Cross, Ganesh Temple Road, Maruthinagar, Yelahanka Bangalore - 560064. My client while travelling from Yelahanka to Sarjapura in Bus at around 4.00pm on 28/03/2024, that time she Lost / Misplaced her plastic bag in the bus, the plastic bag had original copy of sale deed Document Reg. No.1017/75-76, Book-1, Volume-2982, Page 29, dated 09/06/1975 sub registrar North. In respect of the Immovable property Site No.101, Maruthi Nagar Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore, Measuring East - West 30 feet and North - South 40 feet having total area of 1200 Sq.ft.

In this regard a compliant have also been registered to police unit Bangalore city, lost report serial No.0994240/2024 dated on 28/03/2024.

Notice hereby given for Information of the general Public that if any person/s have found the above mentioned original document or have any right, title intent or claim over the schedule property may lodge their objections/claim with the undersigned along with documentary proof in support of such objections/claim within **seven (7) days** from the date of this notice. If No such Objections/claims is received by the undersigned within said period, it shall presumed that no one has any right, title, interest or objections / claim over the schedule property.

Sri. AKSHAY GOWDA, Advocate
No.107, 3rd Main, Vyaklikaval,
Bangalore - 560003.
Mobile: 9845736387. Dated: 16/04/2024

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL MADURAI
O.A.NO.693/2022

Between
Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,
Asset Recovery Branch, Madurai
Represented by its Senior Manager ... Applicant

And

1. **M/s.Sri Rajaganapathi Marketing Private Ltd, represented by its Directors**
Door No.B-19, N.E.E Sasthri Road, Thillai Nagar, Thiruchirapalli - 620 018.
2. **Thiru.S.Srinivasan,**
S/o.Thiru.Subramanian, Door No.41, Sathya Murthi Street, HPO, Salem - 636 001.
3. **Thiru.J.Rajesh,**
S/o.Thiru.Jayapal, Door No.26/A, Sandhiveerappan Kovil Street, Theppakulam Post, Trichy - 620 002.
also at, Door No.4, 2nd Flower Garden, Devasandran, K.R.Puram, Bangalore - 560 036.

...1, 2 & 9th Defendants

PUBLISHED AS PER THE DIRECTION OF THIS HON'BLE TRIBUNAL

Please take notice that the above Applicant Bank has filed the above application against you to recover the loan amount with subsequent interest and costs. The above case stands posted to **12.07.2024** for your appearance. You should appear either in person or through counsel on **12.07.2024** at **10.30 a.m** before the Tribunal (No.4/162, Madurai-Melur Road, Kalyani Towers 3rd & 4th Floor, Uthangudi, Madurai-625107). On your non-appearance the application will be decided in your absence in accordance with Law.

P.Madhan Alexandar B.Sc., B.L., Advocate
Plot.No : 327, Near Mahatma School West Gate, K.K.Nagar, Madurai – 20.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that my client **Mrs. Ashwini,** daughter of late Mr. Revanath, residing at No.248, 18 th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080, is the sole and absolute owner of all that immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder.

It is further notified that the following original documents pertaining to the Schedule property has been misplaced / lost. In this connection the complaint has been lodged on 06.04.2024 before the jurisdictional Sadashivanagar Police Station, Bangalore City Unit.

(I) Cancellation of Sale deed dated 10.09.1979, executed by Mr. Muninanjappa in favour of Mrs. Khathumbi, registered as No. 467 / 1979-80, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Devanahalli, in respect of survey No. 135 / 1;

(ii) Sale deed dated 17.01.2003, executed by Mr. Khalel Shab and others in favour of Mrs. Ashwini, registered as No. 2034 / 2002-03, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Devanahalli, in respect of survey No.135 / 1;

(iii) Sale deed dated 20.12.1979, executed by Mr. Krishnappa and others in favour of Mrs. Rajamma, registered as No.1169 / 1979-80, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Devanahalli, in respect of survey No.136 / 1;

(iv) Sale deed dated 02.04.1992, executed by Mrs. Rajamma in favour of Mr. G. Prakash, registered as No. 1727 / 1991-92, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Devanahalli, in respect of survey No. 136/1;

(v) Sale deed dated 02.07.2003, executed by Mr. G. Prakash in favour of Mrs. Ashwini, registered as No. 987 / 2003-04, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Devanahalli, in respect of survey No. 135/1;

It is hereby requested that the finder of the above said original documents pertaining to the Schedule property may be handed over to the undersigned within FIFTEEN DAYS from the date of publication of this public notice, failing which it will be presumed that the above said original documents pertaining to the Schedule property has been misplaced / lost and cannot be traceable. The General Public are hereby further notified not to deal in respect of the Schedule property with anybody including the finder / holder of the said original documents. In the event of anybody doing so, the same will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

(I) All that piece of parcel of the land bearing survey No.135 / 1, measuring an extent of 03 acres 02 guntas, situated at Gokare Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the East by: Mr. Hanumanthappa's property West by: Mr. Agrahara Munishamappa's property; North by: Mr. Munivenkatappa's property; and South by: Mr. Hanumanthappa's property.

(ii) All that piece of parcel of the land bearing survey No.136 / 1, measuring an extent of 33 guntas and 05 guntas of Kharab land, situated at Gokare Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the East by: Survey No. 136/2 and Road; West by: Private property; North by: Road; and South by: Survey No.135/1 and Devanahalli Village Boundary. Bangalore

Dated: 17.04.2024

A. NAGARAJA, Advocate & Notary,
No.6, KHB Buildings II Block,
13th Cross, Indiranagar II Stage,
Bangalore-560 038.
Ph. No: 9448067511.

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank ALLAHABAD इलाहाबाद
RAJMAHAL VILAS EXTENSION BRANCH
No:13/530, Uma Complex, New BEL Road, Near Devasandra Circle, RMV II Stage, Bengaluru-560094

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Whereas at the request of you, (below mentioned borrowers/guarantors) **Indian Bank, Raj Mahal Vilas Extn Branch** has granted credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the below mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the demand notices sent to you by Registered Post calling upon you to discharge the debt due to Bank were returned, unserved, we are issuing this notice through paper publication.

Name of the Borrower: 1)M/s B.M International, No.3, G R K Complex, KIADB no.s 253,254,254/B,11th Main Road, 3rd Phase, Peenya Industrial Area,BBMP Ward No.11, Bangalore-560058- (Borrower). **2)Smt. Anita G Kalon W/o. B.K.Anandh (Guarantor)** Flat 301, Tower L & T, Rain Tree, Boulevard, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092. **3)Smt. B Meenakshi W/o K Balasubramnian (Guarantor),** Flat 4, Tower-2, RAIN TREE, Boulevard, Byatarayanapura,Bengaluru-560092. **4)Smt. B K Anandh S/o K Balasubramnian (Guarantor),** Flat 301, Tower L & T, Rain Tree, Boulevard, Byatarayanapura,Bengaluru-560092. **5)Smt .R.H.Mani Bai W/o. Haridoss (Mortgagor Cum Guarantor),** No.25/16, Kumbeswarar North Street, Kumbakonam Town,Thanjavur Dist, Tamilnadu-612001. **Date of NPA on 06.04.2024**

Outstanding Amount: Rs.2,12,63,135.00/- as on 09.04.2024 + further Interest from 10.04.2024 and other charges

Mortgaged Assets: All that piece and parcel of immovable property House No.1368, Ward No.2, Door No. Old:16, New: 25, Kumbeswarar North Street, Northern Row, Kumbakonam Town, Thanjavur Dist, Tamilnadu-612001 Measuring: 4107.50 sq ft Consisting of residential and commericial building Bounded on East by: Sekara Pandiyan Property, West by:Govindasamy Chettiyar property North by:Sanitary Lane and South by Street.

If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 10/04/2024, Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, Bengaluru
B.S.N.L., 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
O.A.No.369/2023

Between
M/s. City Union Bank Ltd., Vijayanagara Branch,
Rep. by its Branch Manager. **... Applicant**
and
M/s. Manjunatha Enterprises and Another ... Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To
1. **M/s. Manjunatha Enterprises, Prop. Mr. B.K. Shivakumar,** S/o. B.N. Krishnappa, O/at. No.11, 3rd Main, Kempegowda Nagar, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560057.
2. **Mrs. M.S. Sheela,** W/o. B.K. Shivakumar, R/at No.135, 3rd Main, Kempegowda Nagar, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560057.

Whereas, the applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of Sum of **Rs. 1,96,12,181/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Six Lakh Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Eighty One only)** with current and future interest, Cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show cause within **30 days** from the date of Publication of the Summons **on or before 12-06-2024 at 10.30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice, that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on this **10th day of January, 2024.**

Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal - I, Bengaluru.

KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD
(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KERALA)
Head Office : Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram-14,
(Telephone No. 0471-2945600, 2945646),
E-mail : edrugs.kmscl@kerala.gov.in,
website : www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in, CIN No. U24233KL2007SGC021616

No.KMSCL/ED/12/2024 **Date : 15.04.2024**

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement of ART Drugs for the year 2024-25.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Category	No. of items
1.	KMSCL/ED/ART Drugs/RC/2024/005 dtd. 15.04.2024	ART Drugs	2

The last date and time of online uploading of tenders will be 13.05.2024, 5.00 pm. The date and time of opening of Technical bid will be 16.05.2024 11.30 am. Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.**

(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

FORMAT C-2

(For Political Party to Publish in Website, Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about Criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**

* Name of Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE – 2024 (LOKSABHA)**

Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**

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Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Name of constituency	Pending criminal cases		Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1	M. LAKSHMANA	21-MYSORE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	i) 32 Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore. Case No. PCR/0001391/2024, Under Trail	Section 500 of IPC. Defamation	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			ii) 32 Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore. Case No. PCR/0006499/2023 Under Trail	Section 500 of IPC. Defamation	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			iii) PRL Civil Judge & JMFC, Chikmagalur. Case No. CC/469/2023 Under Trail	Section 499, 500 of IPC. Defamation	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			iv) 4th JMFC, Mysore. Case No. CC No.24/2023 Under Trail	Section 290 of IPC. Section (3) of Disfigurement Act	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2	SUNIL BOSE	22-CHAMARAJNAGAR (SC) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	PRL Civil Judge (Jr.Dn) & JMFC Court, Nanjanagud, Mysore District. Case No. CC320/2018 Under Trail	Distributing Butter Milk and Fruits to Public and Party Workers while Canvassing for Vote on 28-03-2017.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
3	D.K. SURESH	23-BANGALORE RURAL PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	FIR No 0112/2023 42nd Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore FIR No 0112/2023 Rajarajeshwari Nagara Police Station, Bangalore Allegation that the accused have violated the Model Code of Conduct	Under section 171B, 171E of IPC and section 123(1), 123(2) of Representation of People's Act 1950, 1951, 1989 Allegation that the accused have violated the Model Code of Conduct	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			CC No-194/2022 In the Court of Principal Civil Judge (Jr. Dn) and JMFC, Kanakapura, Ramangara District. (Stage-Awaiting Summons) FIR No.0013/2022 Ramanagara Rural Police Station, Ramanagara Case is filed during Mekedatu Padayathre alleging disobedience to law by violating the rules of Covid-2019.	Under section 5(3A) of Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act- 2020 and Under Section 141, 143, 290, 336, 149 IPC. Case is filed during Mekedatu Padayathre alleging disobedience to law by violating the rules of Covid-2019.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			CC No-8717/2022 XLII Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (Spl. Court to deal with Criminal cases related to sitting as well former MPs/MLAs triable by Magistrate in the State of Karnataka), Bangalore City. FIR No.0013/2022 Ramanagara Rural Police Station, Ramanagara Case is filed during Mekedatu Padayathre alleging disobedience to law by violating the rules of Covid-2019.	Under section 5(3A) of Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act 2020 and Under Section 141, 143, 290, 336, 149 IPC. Case is filed during Mekedatu Padayathre alleging disobedience to law by violating the rules of Covid-2019.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
4	M.S. RAKSHA RAMAIAH	27-CHIKKABALLAPUR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore Date of Order of Conviction : 23.12.2021	Offences under Section IPC 1860 (149), IPC 1860 (188), IPC 1860 (269) Disaster Management Act Section 51(b) Punishment imposed : INR 200/- U/s. 188 IPC INR 200/- U/s. 269 r/w sec 149 IPC INR 250/- U/s. 51(b) D.M.A Act
5	GOUTHAM.K.V	28-KOLAR (SC) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	2nd Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore FIR No.133/2016, Thalaghattapura Police Station, Bangalore CC.NO.5992/2018 Case No.Crl.P.No.7358/2018 (KAHC010484912018) Stay order dated 5/10/2018. Thalaghattapura Police Station, represented by State Public Prosecutor	Under Section: 34, 406, 468, 420, 415, 405 of IPC 1860 Yes Appeal challenging the proceedings before the 2nd Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate in C.C.No.5992/2018 has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in Crl.P.No. 7358/2018 and the Hon'ble High Court has stayed all further proceedings in CC.No.5992/2018 on 05.10.2018.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
6	MANSOOR ALI KHAN	25-BANGALORE CENTRAL PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	XXII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Secunderabad, Telangana State Case No. 231/2023, Market Police Station, Secunderabad Status of the Case: Under trail	Section 143, 188, 341, 290 r/w 149 of Indian Panel Code & Section 21/76 of Consumer Protection Act In Dharna & Obstructing Public Road	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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IndoStar Capital Finance Limited

INDOSTAR

Regd. Office: - Silver Utopia, Third Floor, Unit No 301-A, Opposite P & G Plaza, Cardinal Gracious Road, Chakala, Andheri (E), Mumbai – 400099

Branch Office - NO.21, Raja Glitz, 1st Floor, Above Karnataka Bank, KH Road, Bangalore -560027

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

I, the undersigned as the authorized officer of M/s Indostar Capital Finance LTD, hereby give the following notice to the below mentioned Borrower (S) / Co- Borrower (S) / Guarantor (S) who have grossly failed to discharge their legal liability i.e. defaulted in the repayment of the amount i.e. principal as well as the interest and other charges accrued there-on for Loan (S) Against Property (S) advanced to them by M/s Indostar Capital Finance LTD and as a consequence there-of, the Loan (S) have become Non-Performing Assets (N.P.A's) of the company. Accordingly, Notice (S) dated - 12.04.2024 were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 and rules there-to, on their last Known addresses through India Post on 12.04.2024 however the same have been delivered or returned un-served and it is apprehended that the parties mentioned here-in are avoiding the service of the same, as such the Borrower (S) / Co-Borrower (S) / GUARANTOR (S) named below are hereby intimated by way of this publication notice to clear their entire outstanding dues for the loan facilities availed and also for which securities have been created by them as detailed under:

Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower & Address	Description of the Schedule Property	Notice Dispatch Date & Amount (S) Demanded
(Borrower) - 1. Mr. Chandrashekar A **S/O K Aswathanarayana (Late)** **# 26, Majestic Residency, New National Nursery, Tavarekere Main Road, Tavarekere, Bangalore - 560029.** **2. Mrs. Subhadradevi** **W/O K Aswathanarayana (Late)** **# 26, Majestic Residency, New National Nursery, Tavarekere Main Road, Tavarekere, Bangalore - 560029.** **3. Mrs. Vanitha** **W/O Chandrashekar A** **# 26, Majestic Residency, New National Nursery, Tavarekere Main Road, Tavarekere, Bangalore -560029.**	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.26, Situated at Tahavarekere, Bangalore, presently comes under the jurisdiction of the BBMP, PID No.64-156-26, Old Wrad No.64, new Ward No.171, Gurappana Palya, Bangalore and bounded on: East by : Private property, West by : Private Property North by : 'D' Block of Megestic Residency, South by : 'A' Block of Mejestic Residency Measuring East to West : 84ft and North to South : 84.79ft in all measuring 7122 sq.ft	**12th April 2024** Total amounting to ₹ **2,16,86,494/-** (Rupees Two Crore Sixteen Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred & Ninety Four Only) **LOAN ACCOUNT NO – LSBGL03418-190003030**

This step is being taken for substituted service of the un-served notice (S). The above mentioned Borrower (S)/ Co-Borrower (S)/ Guarantor (S) are advised to make the payments of amount demanded above along with future interest and other charges accrued there-on, within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which (without prejudice to any other right remedy available with Indostar Capital Finance LTD) further steps for taking possession of the Secured Assets/Mortgaged property will be initiated under the provisions of Sec 13 (4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002 and Rules there –to. The parties named above are also advised not to alienate, create third party interest in the above mentioned properties on which Indostar Capital Finance LTD has the first Charge.

Sd/-
(Supreet Singh)
Authorised Officer

Place – Bangalore.
Date – 16/04/2024

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ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 228A, A.J.C. Bose Road, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, Kolkata- 700020.

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Ms. Olivia Roy Choudhary (Borrower) LBCAL00005454446	Flat No- 3B, 2nd Floor, Mouza- Raghunathpur, Holding No. RGM/17/21, Raghunathpur Road, Ward No. 9, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, J. L No. 8, RE. SA No.134, Touzi No. 3027, C.S Dag No.21,Corresponding To C.S Khatian No.140, R.S Khanda Khatian No.584, L.R. Khatian No.1600, Police Station Baguiati, District North 24 Parganas ,West Bengal- 700059. Admeasuring Super built up area 420 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 13,66,627/- as on 05th April 2024	Rs. 12,60,000/- Rs. 1,26,000/-	May 20, 2024 From 11:00 A.M. to 01:00 P.M.	May 30, 2024 From 11:00 A.M. Onwards.

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ Noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **May 29, 2024** before **05:00 P.M.** else these secured assets will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, 228 A, A.J.C. Bose Road, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, Kolkata- 700020** on or before **May 29, 2024** before **05:00 P.M.** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **May 29, 2024** before **05:00 P.M.** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, 228 A, A.J.C. Bose Road, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, Kolkata- 700020** on or before **May 29, 2024** before **05:00 P.M.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Kolkata.**

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **9163343439** or **M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited** on **8697008233/ 9810029926/ 093100 29933/ 01244233933.**

Please note that Marketing Agency **M/s. NexXen Solutions Private Limited** has been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s.**

Date: April 16, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Divya Iyer W/o Jayanth R, Aadhar No. 6444 3755 9446 and Sri. Vinayak Nagaraja, S/o B V Nagaraja Iyer, Aadhar No. 8524 3601 5509 both are residing at No. 81, 6th Main, 1st E Cross, 2nd Phase, 4th Block, Near Girinagar Police Station, BSK 3rd Stage, Banashankari, Bangalore-560085 informs the General Public that, they have lost the original documents of Allotment Letter dated 07.12.1976 issued by CITB in the name of B V Nagaraja Iyer and Khatha Extract dated 05.09.2006 issued by BBMP in the name of B V Nagaraja Iyer in respect of the schedule property mentioned herein below. In this regard my clients have lodged a Police Complaint on 06.04.2024 vide Lost Report No. 1005790/2024. If any persons who can trace/finds the same may please hand over it to the aforesaid owner/undersigned advocate within 15 days from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing house No. 81, Situated at 4th Block Layout, 2nd Phase, Banashankari 3rd Stage Bangalore, measuring of East to West: 30-00 feet and North to South: 50-00 feet in all totally measuring of 1500 Square feet are 166.66 Square Meters together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface along with residential building standing there and bounded on the:

East by: Site No. 82; West by: Site No. 80; North by: Site No. 66; South by: Road.

Sd/- **MANJUNATH .V,** Advocate
LEX AVENUE, Advocates & Solicitors
No. 42/1, 7th Cross, 5th Main Road,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.
Mobile : 8123404474 / 9141741762
Place: Bangalore Dated : 16.04.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client S K Jayanthi W/o P.H. Umesh, Residing at # 516, Sharmada, Behind RV Teachers College, Garuthman Park, Bangalore South, Bengaluru - 560004 informs the General Public that, my client have lost the original documents of Sale Deed Document No. 5806-59-60 and Settlement Deed No. 4563-81-82 in respect of the schedule property mentioned herein below. In this regard my client lodged a Police Complaint on 11.04.2024 vide lost report No. 1010528/2024. If any person/s who can trace/finds the same may please hand over it to the aforesaid owner/undersigned advocate within 7 days from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential property being Site No.47, (old No.36), situated at Rajmahala Vilas Extension, Bengaluru - 560 094 measuring and bounded as under:

MEASUREMENTS:
East to West : 60 feet.
North to South : 45 feet, in all 2700 Sq Ft.

BOUNDARIES:
On the East : by Road;
West : Property of Raman Research Institution;
North : by site No. 46;
South : by site No. 48.

SURESH .M, Advocate
JUSTLAW ADVOCATES
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Ph: 22266002, 22259074, Fax : 22380607

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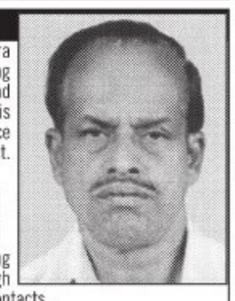

Kasiraj S/o Ramaswami Age 73 residing at Killithara Puthan Veedu, Near Kalyan Hospital, Plumbing Station Road, Chala, Thiruvananthapuram was found missing from his residence since 12.08.2023. In this regard, a missing case was registered in Fort Police Station as Crime 1139/2023 U/S 57(1)(A) of KP Act. The description roll of the missing person is:-

Name	: Kasi Raj,	Age	: 73
Height	: 170 CM	Complexion	: Fair
Date of Missing	: 12.08.2023		

If any information is received related to the missing person may please be communicated through **shofortpstvm.pol@kerala.gov.in** or on following contacts.

ACP, Fort	: 9497990009	Inspector of Police : 9497987010	
Sub Inspector of Police	: 9497980044	Fort Police Station : 0471-2461105	

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Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Name of constituency	Pending criminal cases		Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
7	SOWMYA REDDY	26-BANGALORE SOUTH PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	1st Addl Civil Judge(Jr Dvn) & JMFC Court Kanakapura. CC 145/2022 Accused No.22 & Status of case as Pending FIR No.0001/2022 Sathanur Police Station. Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District.	(Case filed during Mekedatu Padayatra) U/s 141, 143, 290, 336R/W149 of Indian Penal Code & 5(3A) of Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act 2020 To compel any person to do what he is not legally bound to do, Unlawful assembly, public nuisance, Act so rashly, negligently the personal safety of others, Negligence over restrictions to prevent the outbreak of any disease.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			42nd ACMM(Spl Court to deal with Criminal Cases related to MPs/MLAs trailable by Magistrate in State of Karnataka, Bengaluru. CC 25317/2022 Accused No.12 & Status of case as Pending PCR NO : 54158/2022 Shivaji Nagara Police Station, Bengaluru	Under Section 188 IPC and Under Section 103 of Karnataka Police Act 1963 Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant, Contravenes any orders and any of the conditions of a license.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			42nd ACMM(Spl Court to deal with Criminal Cases related to MPs/MLAs trailable by Magistrate in State of Karnataka, Bengaluru. Crime No.339/2023 & Status of case as Pending FIR No.12/2021, Upparpet Police Station, Bengaluru	Under Section 504, 323, 353 of IPC Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace, Punishment for voluntarily causing hurt, Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			2nd ACMM Bengaluru. Crime No.149/2022 Accused No.21 & Status of case as Pending FIR No.149/2022 Siddapura Police Station, Bengaluru	Under Section 103 Karnataka Police Act 1963 and U/s 3 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property 1984 and Under Section 427, 143, 147, 149, 188, 290 of IPC Contravenes any orders and any of the conditions of a license, Mischief causing damage to public property, Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees, Unlawful Assembly, Guilty of rioting, Unlawful Assembly, Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant, Public nuisance.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			44th ACMM Bengaluru. Crime No.135/2018 Accused No : 01 & Status of case as Pending FIR No : 135 / 2018 Jayaprakash Nagar Police Station, Bengaluru	Under Section 127A of Representation of People Act 1951 and 1988 and Under Section 3 of Karnataka Open Place disfigurement Act 1951 and 1981 Election pamphlet or poster which does not bear on its face the names and addresses of the printer and the publisher thereof, Unauthorised disfigurement by advertisement.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			37th ACMM Court Bengaluru. Crime No.0070/2023 – Thilaknagar, Police Station, Bengaluru, Accused No: 2 & Status of case as Pending	Under Section 341, 504, 506, 34 of IPC Wrongful restraint, Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace, Criminal intimidation, Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
8	SHREYAS M. PATEL	16-HASSAN PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	Civil Court, Junior Division, Puttur Subramanya Police Station Forest Crime Case No. FC No.2/2014-15– Assistant Conservator of Forest, Subramanya, Dakshina Kannada District Status of the Case: Charges not framed	U/s 24(D) (E) and 104(A) of Karnataka Forest Act Allegation of Illegal transportation of Beete Tree log through vehicle from unknown person and falsely implicated.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

* General Election to the House of People – 2024 (Loksabha), First Phase.

Note: (i) The above information shall be published state wise for each State/UT.
(ii) The matter in newspapers should be published in font size of at least 12.

KARNATAKA PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE * No. 14, Queens Road, Bangalore - 560 052.

(D.K. SHIVAKUMAR)
President, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee, Bangalore

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
456.10 ↓	Sensex	72,943.68	₹980 ↑	24 carat (10 gm)	₹74,280	₹1,000 ↑	1 kg	₹87,000	↑ Dollar	83.64
124.60 ↓	Nifty	22,147.90	₹900 ↑	22 carat (10 gm)	₹68,100	₹10 ↑	10 gm	₹870	↑ Euro	88.94

Zee chooses growth over litigation

Withdraws petition against Sony for backing off from merger deal

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

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>
> Zee Entertainment statement

ZEE group on Tuesday withdrew its petition against the Japanese major Sony Corp for calling off the $10-billion worth merger proposal from the Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal to "better serve shareholders interest".

In a statement, Zee said its board has decided to withdraw the petition against Sony following legal advice and reviewing the action-oriented steps implemented by the management. "The board has advised the management to withdraw the petition in the interest of shareholders," the statement said, but added that they will be aggressively pursuing their claims in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre from Sony, which includes a $90 million in damages from Sony.

It further said going forward the focus will be driving growth and pursuing other strategic opportunities to generate higher value for all shareholders.

"We will aggressively pursue all its claims against Sony in the ongoing arbitration proceedings at the Singapore International Arbitration Centre and in other fora," it said.

Puneet Goenka-led Zee Entertainment had moved the NCLT on January 24, 2024, seeking directions to implement the $10-billion merger scheme between Zee, Culver Max Entertainment, the domestic arm of Sony and Bangla Entertainment. Had the deal sailed through, it would have created the largest media company in India with over 75 channels and a slew of other media verticals like OTT platforms.

Sony hinted at calling off the plan, announced in December 2021, last December, citing a slew of breaches from the merger agreement including not meeting financial metrics and Goenka's not agreeing to step aside from management positions. Another trigger was the Sebi ban on both father-son duo from the markets for two year citing fund diversions and other breaches from the listing agreement in the middle of last year.

"The decision to withdraw the implementation application is based on the advice received by the board after a detailed consultation with legal experts. This decision will also enable us to pursue growth and evaluate strategic opportunities to generate higher value for all shareholders. The board remains committed to reviewing the strategic action-oriented steps taken by the management and providing timely guidance. This decision will also enable us to continue to aggressively pursue all its claims against Sony in the ongoing arbitration" the statement said.

UNFOLDING OF EVENTS

- **Dec 2021:** Zee and Sony Corp of Japan announce a **$10 bn** merger
- **Aug 2023:** Sebi bars Zee promoters Subhash Chandra and son Puneet Goenka from any management role in company and also from market for two years citing fund diversions and other malpractices.
- **Dec 2023** Sony says deal unlikely to sail through
- **Jan 24, 2024:** Sony formally calls off the merger agreement.
- **Jan 31, 2024:** Zee moves NCLT Mumbai seeking direction to Sony implement the merger scheme.
- **Feb 2024:** Zee moves Singapore Arbitration Centre seeking **$90 million** in damages from Sony
- **April 16, 2024:** Zee voluntarily withdraws the merger petition from NCLT

Market falls for 3rd session; US bond, gold price rise on Middle-East tension

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market fell for the third straight session as diminishing expectations of early rate cuts by the US Federal Reserves added to the selling pressure caused by the Middle-East conflict. Dragged by US-sensitive IT stocks, the BSE Sensex fell 0.62% to settle at 72,943.68 on Tuesday NSE Nifty50 lost 0.56% at 22,147.90.

During the last three sessions, the two benchmark indices corrected 2.7% each. From hitting their all-time high level on April 10, the Sensex is down 2,180 points while the Nifty has shed erased points. "Heightened concerns arose after stronger-than-anticipated US retail sales, amplifying the assumption that the US Fed might delay rate cuts, leading to a notable uptick in the dollar index and US bond yields," said Vinod Nair, head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

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RBI may take a similar approach. Analysts at Morgan Stanley believe the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is unlikely to lower rates in the ongoing financial year given India's robust economic growth and changes in the US Fed's policy direction. US 10-year bond yields surged 14 basis points to 4.66%, the highest level in 2024. Analysts believe yields could lead to foreign portfolio investment (FPI) outflows from emerging markets such as India. FPI's sold shares worth ₹4,469 crore (net) on Tuesday.

Besides bonds, gold prices are on the rise. MCX Gold rose ₹300 to reach 72,600, Comex gold hit $2,370 with overnight gains. "Gold traded strongly as global markets reacted negatively to Israel's statement regarding Iran's drone attack retaliation, leading to increased safe-haven buying in gold prices," said Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities.

Nalin Negi elevated as chief executive officer of BharatPe

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

FINTECH firm BharatPe on Tuesday announced elevation of interim CEO Nalin Negi as its chief executive officer (CEO). Negi joined BharatPe in 2022 as its CFO and he was announced interim CEO in January last year after the resignation of Suhail Sameer.

The firm said under his leadership, BharatPe recorded 182% increase in revenue from operations in FY23 and clocked October'23 as the first EBITDA positive month. BharatPe will institute a search for appointment of a new CFO.

As the CEO, he will focus on leading the company into its next phase of development, BharatPe said.

Rajnish Kumar, Chairman of the Board, BharatPe, said, "We look forward to supporting Nalin Negi in his new role and are grateful for his tremendous contribution as the interim CEO. His extensive experience in the fintech industry and the growth witnessed for BharatPe under his leadership, makes him a natural choice to lead the company."

Nalin Negi, CEO, BharatPe, said "Going forward, our strategic focus will be on sustained profitability, scaling lending businesses, and launching new merchant-centric products. We are committed to building on the strong foundation, fostering financial inclusion and delivering value to our merchants, partners, and stakeholders."

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

YEN DECLINES TO LOWEST SINCE 1990

Japanese currency yen weakened on Monday, pushing the dollar to its highest against the currency since June 1990, prompting Japanese authorities to prop up the yen. The fall in the yen comes amid a broadly stronger dollar underpinned by economic data that has pushed out the expected timing of the first Fed rate cut to September from June and escalating tensions in the Middle East. The US dollar extended gains on Monday after stronger-than-expected March retail sales data. The Japanese currency's decline against the dollar has revived anticipation of currency intervention. Japanese Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki said he was watching currency moves closely, and that Tokyo is "fully prepared" to act. The dollar was last up 0.66% at 154.28 yen, its strongest since 1990. The widening gulf between U.S. and Japanese interest rates has been a key weight on the yen for the past two years. With U.S. rates now set to remain higher for longer, USDJPY is likely to remain underpinned in the coming months.

SRI LANKA

RESTRUCTURING TERMS WITH BONDHOLDERS FAILED

Sri Lanka has failed to strike an agreement on restructuring about $12 billion of debt with its bondholders, the government said on Tuesday. This makes the country's plans to meet the requirements of an IMF programme complicated. After talks with bondholders on the sidelines of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank spring meetings in Washington, Sri Lanka said it failed to reach consensus on the bondholders' proposal submitted earlier in the month. Sri Lanka disagreed with the bondholders' proposals for debt repayment since they differed from an analysis of the country's debt worked out by the IMF and how to include the bondholders' plan to link repayments to the country's future macroeconomic growth, through macro-linked bonds, in the restructuring plan, the filing showed. After the announcement, Sri Lanka's bonds were down between 2.3 and 2.8 cents , , leaving them at just over half their original face value at between 53 and 55 cents on the dollar.

CHINA

NEW HOME PRICES FALL AT FASTEST PACE SINCE 2015

The new home prices in China declined at their fastest pace in more than eight years in March as the debt woes of major property developers continued to drag on demand and the economic outlook. The country's property sector, nearly a quarter of the economy, has been faced with a debt crisis since 2021 after a regulatory crackdown on high leverage among developers triggered a liquidity crunch, with a string of them reporting weaker financial results for 2023 last month. New home prices in March dropped 2.2% from a year earlier, marking the biggest decline since August 2015, and worse than a 1.4% fall in February, according to Reuters calculations based on National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) data. Prices fell 0.3% month-on-month, matching February's drop. Chinese authorities have been ramping up measures to prop up the troubled sector, including relaxing home purchase curbs, supporting urban village renovation, and pushing banks to quicken new loan approvals to cash-strapped developers.

Infosys, Wipro growth likely to be flat

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

THOUGH IT services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) posted a better-than-expected results and reported a 9% increase in its consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter, its peer Infosys is expected to report only 0.3% quarter-on-quarter revenue growth and Wipro is expected to post revenue degrowth of 0.1% sequentially in rupee terms.

Axis Securities expects the Infosys management to give 4.5% to 6% revenue growth guidance for FY25E. Also, margins are likely to expand marginally because of lower operating expenses.

The second-largest IT services company, Infosys, will announce its results for the March 2024 quarter on April 18, and Wipro will announce earnings on April 19. The brokerage expects Wipro's operating margins to expand on account of lower onsite expenses.

As per ICICI Securities, Infosys could report a dip of 1.2% QoQ given a higher component of discretionary spending. It expects some traction in communication (ramp up from liberty deal), BFSI (from deals announced in Q4). Sharekhan expects Infosys to report flat EBIT margins. It said, "Sequential weakness is likely to be seen in Tech Mahindra, Infosys, and Wipro with sequential degrowth of 1.3%/0.5% and 0.4% in CC terms."

In Q3, Infosys missed Street estimates, and posted a 7.3% drop in net profit at ₹6,106 crore. It had revised its FY24 revenue guidance to 1.5-2% against 1-2.5% it had projected during the September quarter. It maintained its operating margin guidance for FY24 at 20-22%. According to Sharekhan, most Tier-1 IT services companies are expected to report a muted quarter with constant currency (CC) revenue growth of -1.3-1.6% q-o-q owing to continuation of weakness in discretionary spends and lower revenue conversion.

As Wipro has the highest exposure to BFSI among tier-I at 32.7%, analysts say that the IT company may also be affected in particular given its high exposure to consulting business (12-14% of revenue).

While LTIMindtree is expected to report revenue growth of 1.5% sequentially in rupee terms, operating margins are likely to expand marginally by 30bps. Tech Mahindra is expected to report growth of 0.7% on a sequential basis.

Axis Securities said for the IT services sector, deal wins for the quarter are likely to remain steady, aided by strong demand for newer technologies like Generative AI, Machine Learning, Cloud transformation, and Digital transformations.

Aditya Birla Capital looks to nearly double customer base in three years

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE diversified Aditya Birla group set a target to nearly double its customers in the financial services businesses over the next three years as it aggressively pushes a digital sales pitch.

Aditya Birla Capital, which is the financial services vertical of the group has around 35 million customers now, while the group as a whole serves around 250 million most which are from the telecom joint venture with Vodafone with around 215 million subscribers.

Addressing the media announcing the launch of an omnichannel D2C (direct to customer) online platform, its chief executive officer (CEO) Vishakha Mike said they hope to nearly double the customer base to 65 million over the next three years from the present base of around 35 million, adding another 30 million customers. Kumar Mangalam Birla, the chairman of the group that straddles cement, textiles, metals, financial services, telecom and retail, formally launching the new digital arm — Aditya Birla Capital Digital said, the company is now one of the fastest growing businesses within the group and has emerged as a key growth engine.

The new platform of the group company is expected to accelerate growth and take leadership position in the financial services space by serving as a growth catalyst across the group ecosystem.

COAL

CIL's capex rises 6.5% to record ₹19,840 cr in '24

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

COAL India Limited (CIL), country's largest coal miner, saw its expenditure rise by 6.5% year-on-year to ₹19,840 crore by the end of FY24, the highest expenditure to date.

In the previous financial year, the capex was ₹18,619 crore. The company, in a statement, said it achieved 120% target satisfaction over the year's capex target of ₹16,500 crore. For the fourth consecutive fiscal year, CIL's capex exceeded the budgeted target. The miner allocated the highest amount to strengthen coal transportation and handling infrastructure in its mining areas, with a capex of ₹6,070 crore, accounting for 30.6% of the year's capex spend. "CIL aims to have adequate infrastructure in place to evacuate increased quantities of coal produced in the future. This includes setting up first-mile connectivity projects with coal handling plants and silos, rail sidings, rail lines, and roads," said the company.

South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) collectively accounted for 65.4% of this expenditure, with ₹2,214 crore and ₹1,754 crore, respectively. The capex for land acquisition and associated rehabilitation was the second highest as the company spent ₹5,135 crore in FY24, up by 52.5% from ₹3,367 crore in FY23.

CIL requires large tracts of land to enhance its production from OC mines, which account for 96% of the company's total output. CIL's three subsidiaries Central Coalfields (CCL), SECL, and MCL lined up 77.3% of the capex under land acquisition, with CCL leading the list.

Delhi-NCR leads in crypto adoption among big cities

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

WITH the crypto market capitalisation going past $2.5 trillion and Bitcoin hitting an all-time high at $74,000, the adoption of cryptocurrencies has been witnessing a significant rise globally and in India, tier-1 cities led by Delhi-NCR emerge as hotspots for crypto adoption.

As per a survey by crypto investment platform Mudrex, with 25%, Delhi-NCR holds pole position when it comes to sheer number of crypto investors. It is followed by Bengaluru with 16% and Mumbai 9%. The survey said factors such as digital infra, internet accessibility, financial literacy, investment tendencies, and the pursuit of higher returns contribute to this growing market.

The survey reveals of total respondents who invest in crypto, 69% are male participants and among individuals aged 20-30, nearly 63.06% have chosen to invest in crypto assets.

Edul Patel, CEO of Mudrex, said, "The increasing adoption of crypto across various demographics and income levels, paired with a shift towards diversified portfolios, marks a significant change in how Indians perceive and utilise digital assets."

"As these trends continue to evolve, the financial landscape in India is poised to adapt to new opportunities and challenges in the world of crypto investments," he added. The survey also highlights that 45% of users have included cryptocurrencies in their retirement plans. With the halving event expected to happen this week, Patel said that there is a strong likelihood that the bull market will persist after the halving.

BSNL garners about ₹600 crore by monetising properties last fiscal

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

STATE-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) earned over ₹600 crore in the last financial year by monetising its underutilised properties nationwide. The telecom service provider sold a property worth ₹311.78 crore and earned ₹319.31 crore by renting other underutilised properties in the country.

According to DoT (Department of Telecommunication), its properties in Anna Nagar, Chennai, was sold to CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) and it paid the advance payment of ₹151 crore. Similarly, its other property in Prayagraj was bought by the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Jhalwa.

Additionally, the company sold properties in various other parts of India. However, the telco, along with its subsidiary MTNL, faces major hurdles in its monetisation efforts due to legal roadblocks. MTNL currently holds a massive portfolio of 281 properties in prime locations like Mumbai and Delhi.

In Delhi, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) throws a wrench into the plan by demanding a hefty 50% share of any profits generated from the sale of MTNL properties. A similar situation is in Maharashtra, where the state government itself hasn't granted clearance for the company to proceed with monetisation efforts. Currently, BSNL has nearly 5,080 vacant spaces nationwide available for rent.

"Reason for the subdued response from these properties is the legal issues involved. As you know, the properties are spread across the country, involving state governments and other agencies. In many instances, these states are not giving clearance. In the case of Delhi, DDA is asking for a share of 50% of profits. These are the factors making monetisation of BSNL and MTNL difficult," said a DoT official.

EXPRESS READ

IMF projects India's growth at 6.8% in 2024

NEW DELHI: The International Monetary Fund on Tuesday raised India's growth projection to 6.8% from its January forecast of 6.5% citing bullish domestic demand conditions and a rising working-age population. India continues to be the fastest-growing economy of the world, ahead of China's growth projection of 4.6% during the same period. IMF in January update had projected 6.5% growth for India in 2024. *ENS*

iPhone exports from India doubles to $12.1 bn

NEW DELHI: Apple's iPhone exports from India nearly doubled to $12.1 billion in 2023-24 from $6.27 billion in the preceding fiscal, trade intelligence platform The Trade Vision said on Tuesday. Smartphone exports from India surged to $16.5 billion in 2023-24, up from $12 billion in the preceding year. This surge underscores the broader impact of Apple's presence on the industry. *ENS*

Half marathon results under investigation

Organisers are investigating a half marathon race in Beijing after three African runners appeared to let China's top long-distance runner move ahead of them shortly before the finish line and sprint to victory, sparking public speculation that the result was rigged. On Monday, organizers issued a statement saying they would investigate the results

Buttler's Royal treat at Knight

England opener smashes hundred to guide team home in record run-chase after Narine ton

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WHEN Jos Buttler was batting on 42 from 33 balls, chasing 224, it seemed like yet another anchor innings. At that poiwnt, Rajasthan Royals were 128/6, needing 96 runs from 36 balls.

Comparisons started coming in on social media, referring to the Virat Kohli century against Rajasthan that went in vain. And it seemed fair to be honest, with Buttler batting at 127.27 strike rate. But there was a difference. Buttler was doing is job of holding one end while others were going bonkers. Yashasvi Jaiswal — 19 off 9 balls. Sanju Samson (12 off 8). Riyan Parag 34 off just 14. Such was the intent from other end that despite losing four wickets, RR were still in the game.

However, they had hedged all their bets on Buttler. Shimron Hetmyer and Dhruv Jurel would fail and it will come down to Buttler and Rovman Powell. That is when Buttler switched on. He belted Varun Chakravarthy for four boundaries and then hit Andre Russell for two sixes. Powell joined at the other end, hitting 16 runs off three balls against Sunil Narine.

The West Indian fell, but the Englishman kept going. He smashed Mitchell Starc for a six and a four and then went after Harshit Rana. Another 19-run over and Buttler was on 98 from 54 (181.14). KKR did not help themselves with the extras and tactics, but Buttler got to his century (106 n.o) and took RR home on the final delivery of the match.

Rajasthan's Jos Buttler on way to his 55-ball hundred against Kolkata | AP

Delhi seek desperate win

With Capitals looking for a some momentum against Gujarat Titans, a look...

PANT VS RASHID

In ten IPL innings Rishabh Pant has struck at 114.14 SR against Rashid Khan, but has gotten out twice. With teams happy to play out the Afghan, it will be interesting to see how Pant goes about it on Wednesday.

KULDEEP VS GT TOP-ORDER

While Shubman Gill and B Sai Sudharsan have managed to negate most threats early on, they will be up against Kuldeep Yadav this time. The left-arm wrist spinner is in some form and will play a key role in dismantling the Titans top-order.

Gujarat Titans vs Delhi Capitals, Ahmedabad

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOCINEMA, 7.30 PM

A record run chase in the history of the league.

If Buttler walked back as the shining knight in armour, Narine was that for KKR in the first innings. Up against arguably the strongest bowling attack in the league, he had smashed his first T20 century. Facing Trent Boult, Narine started cautious. It was only when Kuldeep Sen came on, Narine, who was on a run-a-ball 12, cut loose. R Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal came on, but it didn't matter. The former was lofted over cover and cut behind point while the latter was sent over the long-off stands. Another six in the same region, this time off Ashwin, brought up his fifty in 29 balls as KKR were 100/1 at the halfway mark.

Raghuvanshi got out and Shreyas Iyer followed, but none of it mattered. Narine was going on a rampage, hitting three boundaries off Ashwin in one over and following it up with another 23-run over against Chahal, and in the process, he reached his century in 49 balls. That 63 percent of his runs came against the two veteran spinners is proof of his domination.

Narine would get out (109 from 56 balls), perhaps the only way he could have, to a yorker from Boult, but the damage was done. Once Narine fell, Rinku Singh did what he does best, hitting an unbeaten 20 off nine balls, as KKR posted 223/6.

Brief scores: KKR 223/6 in 20 ovs (Narine 109; Avesh 2/35) lose to RR 224/8 in 20 ovs (Buttler 107 n.o; Narine 2/30)

Maxwell opts to take a 'physical' and 'mental' break from IPL

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Bengaluru

GLENN Maxwell is on a 'physical and mental break' from the Indian Premier League (IPL). After his last match for the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (April 11 against Mumbai Indians), the Australian all-rounder sought out Faf du Plessis and the coaches to let them know about his feelings.

"I went to Faf and the coaches after the last game and said I felt it was probably time we tried someone else," he said during the post-match press conference after the game against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Monday. "I have been in this situation in the past where you can keep playing and get yourself deeper in a hole."

Maxwell hasn't been himself the entirety of this campaign. His 32 runs across six games had left him in a bad spot. "We have had a pretty big deficiency straight after the powerplay, which has been my area of strength over the last couple of seasons," he said. "I felt like I wasn't contributing in a positive way with the bat, and with the results and the position we find ourselves, I think it's a good time to give someone else an opportunity."

As of now, Maxwell will stay with the team. "If I'm required to get in during the tournament, I can hopefully get back into a really solid mental and physical space where I can have an impact."

When the season began, the 35-year-old was in the middle of a purple patch. Yet, in the season opener at Chennai, he was removed for a first-baller. "T20 cricket can be like that sometimes," he said on how his indifferent campaign so far. "It's a pretty fickle game. If you look at the first game, I ran one off the middle to the keeper. I picked up the length well, saw a scoring opportunity, but opened the face a little too much. I probably just haven't gotten away, it's as simple as that. In the first few games, I feel I made reasonably good decisions but I was still finding ways to get out. It can happen in T20 cricket."

While sitting on the bench for the game against Hyderabad, he had quickly realised that this wasn't going to be like one of the other surfaces the venue had doled out. But Maxwell reiterated the struggles of an athlete. "I realised it was a bad game to miss. It would have been nice to be out there batting.

"But I wanted to give myself not just the physical break but also the mental break to give myself the right to play professional cricket. I take a lot of pride in my performances and I put in a lot of hard work behind the scenes to get my body right for every game. It has been a pretty tough struggle, given my body is on the right side of 30. I think that the physical and mental toll just wore me down a little bit."

After ODI debut, USA eye T20 WC berth

KALYANI MANGALE @Chennai

WHEN Sindhu Sriharsha left for the USA in 2013, after representing India at the U-21 level, the hopes of playing cricket at the international stage were all but packed and put aside. She kept playing the game she loved for the USA colours, but she and many other USA players had to wait till 2019 for those T20s to get recognition as international fixtures. It was a momentous occasion for then 30-year-old, but playing the One Day Internationals still felt like a distant dream. It took five more years before the USA could play their first-ever ODI against Papua New Guinea in Dubai on April 11.

"When I decided in 2011 to pack up and be done with cricket and move to the USA, I didn't think this is where I would end up," Sindhu told this daily from Dubai. "It was amazing. I am definitely thrilled that all 11 of us got a debut at the same time for the USA team. It is something that we all have been working towards. We don't generally play this format. Having said that, getting out there and getting a game in, under lights. It was kind of a dream come true. Obviously, it was quite emotional for some of us. Having waited for many years for this kind of moment to come, particularly for me, it's taken 20 years in two different countries to finally have the cap. It was a pretty good feeling," her eyes lit up speaking about the experience of playing the format.

Even when the result didn't go their way in the first two ODIs, the second came against Scotland on April 14, Sindhu believes this experience alone has taught them a lot more lessons than the young team would have imagined. "It was kind of a historic day for USA cricket to step onto the field to play the ODI even though the results didn't go our way, but I think there was an effort that was put out for the entire time that we were on the field. We worked hard to try and make it difficult for PNG as much as possible. It was amazing to just be under the lights and some of these kids, play some fearless cricket. So all of this also helps them focus on different from of cricket," she added.

With ODIs ticked off their box, the next challenge for Sindhu's side is to qualify for the T20 World Cup in Bangladesh via the Women's Qualifiers. The 35-year-old believes this experience of playing a few fixtures ahead of the qualifiers will play a big role. "When we play the first match of the global qualifiers we would have played about six-seven games. At that time,we would have had a perfect runway towards the global qualifiers and made decisions about how we want to play our game," the captain mentioned.

Gukesh holds Nepomniachtchi

TORONTO: Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh held on to the joint top spot with Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi after they played out an easy draw in the 10th round of the Candidates chess tournament here. The all-Indian duel between R Praggnanandhaa and Vidit Gujrathi also ended in a draw. In the women's section, R Vaishali bounced back after a string of losses to beat Nurgyul Salimov of Bulgaria. Tuesday is a rest day and the battle will resume on Wednesday.

Results round 10 (Indians unless specified): Nepomniachthi (6) drw Gukesh (6); Pragg (5.5) drw Vidit (5); Nakamura (Usa, 5.5) bt Abasov (Aze, 3); Fabiano (Usa, 5.5) bt Alireza (Fra, 3.5); Women: Salimova (Bul, 4) lost to Vaishali (3.5); Zhongyi (6.5) drw Humpy (4.5); Goryachkina (Rus, 5.5) lost to Tingjei (Chn, 6.5); Kateryna (Fid, 5.5) drw Muzychuk (Ukr, 4).

Candidates chess: Arbiter 'shoes' away Firouzja

NEW COMPETITION, ANOTHER CHESS CONTROVERSY. IN THE ONGOING CANDIDATES IN CANADA, ALIREZA FIROUZJA, ONE OF THE CONTENDERS, WAS IN THE EYE OF A STORM THANKS TO A SHOE. A LOOK AT THE INCIDENT AND WHY IT GENERATED HEAT.

HOW DID FIROUZJA REACT TO THE WARNING?

He claimed that the arbiter's words made him lose focus. "Shameful action by the chief arbiter Marghetis towards me during the game," he tweeted. "Middle of the game, in the most intense moment when I was walking during Ian's move, the chief arbiter came to me and told me to not walk any more because my shoe is making noise on the wooden floor. He told me to not walk and bring new shoes for tomorrow (Round 10) but I have the formal shoe that is approved and I have been wearing it for more than 1 year. This was a big distraction for me during the game and I completely lost my focus. I told one of the organisers this arbiter needs to be punished."

(When asked if they were high heels by one of the respondents on the social media site, he replied: "It's a normal formal men's shoe. In the women section they are wearing high heels and no action by arbiter.")

HAS MARGHETIS RESPONDED TO FIROUZJA?

Speaking to chess.com, Marghetis was quoted as saying: "Most players walk around during the tournament. But you don't hear them walking, you hear the floorboard creaking. After about 60 minutes in, when Alireza was pacing around in the refreshment area, he had a very heavy footfall. It was 'stompish' if you will. That's when one of the players, who was closest to the refreshment area, complained to me about the noise. As a chief arbiter I have a few responsibilities. One of them is to protect all of the players. So I had to make a decision, whether he was disturbing another player more than I would disturb him (by talking to him)," he said.

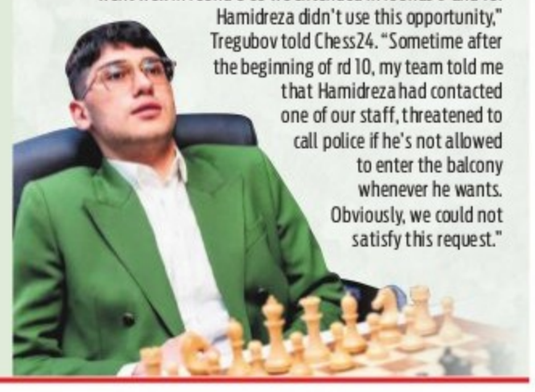
EXPRESS PLAINER

WHAT HAPPENED?

In the ninth round of the event, Firouzja, the French-Iranian GM, took a walk during his match against Ian Nepomniachtchi on Sunday. Sometime during the match-up, an arbiter warned the 20-year-old as 'his shoes were making a lot of noise'. Firouzja had a small advantage during the match but allowed his opponent to escape with a draw.

ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN ROUND 10?

Firouzja's father, Hamidreza, threatened to call the cops if he wasn't allowed to watch games from the playing hall balcony (reports have indicated Hamidreza was escorted out of the balcony during the Round). Pavel Tregubov, FIDE's Technical Delegate, spoke to chess24. "We decided to allow team members access to playing hall in the first 15 minutes (of further rounds) since everything went well in the first few rounds. We got positive feedback from fairplay team. This rule went well in round 8 so we extended in rounds 9 and 10. Hamidreza didn't use this opportunity," Tregubov told Chess24. "Sometime after the beginning of rd 10, my team told me that Hamidreza had contacted one of our staff, threatened to call police if he's not allowed to enter the balcony whenever he wants. Obviously, we could not satisfy this request."



MAN CITY REAL TEST

Manchester City are closing in on a second consecutive treble, yet Erling Haaland is still facing criticism as Real Madrid visit the Etihad on Wednesday. The 14-time European champions were humbled 4-0 on their visit to Manchester 11 months ago as City went on to win the Champions League for the first time, along with the Premier League and FA Cup.

EYE ON RODRYGO, RUDIGER

Madrid boss Carlo Ancelotti will not repeat the same mistake of dropping Rudiger for the second leg as he did last season after the German had kept Haaland quiet at the Bernabeu. Rodrygo Gomes struck twice in a late blitz against City in 2022 to help Madrid knock the English side out. While Vinicius Jr and Jude Bellingham draw most of the attention, Rodrygo flies by under the radar.

RETURN LEG

The quarterfinal matches between Manchester City and Real Madrid, and Bayern Munich versus Arsenal are expected to be crackers. Here's a look at how they stake up...

Manchester City's Spanish manager **Pep Guardiola** | Real Madrid's Italian coach **Carlo Ancelotti**

ARSENAL EMBARK ON BAYERN MISSION

Arsenal are preparing for a potentially season-defining Champions League clash against Bayern Munich on Wednesday as familiar doubts simmer over whether they can handle the pressure after their damaging Premier League 0-2 defeat by Aston Villa on Sunday. Arsenal, who have never won the Champions League, travel to the home of Bayern with little time to lick their wounds.

BATTLE OF EQUALS

Last week's first leg at the Emirates ended 2-2. Normally, Arteta's team would be clear underdogs against the six-time European champions but Bayern are in an unusual situation -- coming to terms with the end of their 11-year stranglehold on the German top flight, dethroned by Leverkusen.

LIVE ON SONY SPORTS @ 12.30 AM

EXPRESS READ

Brazil women's coach resigns after protests

SAO PAULO: The male coach of a Brazilian women's soccer team resigned after accusations against him of sexual harassment drew league-wide protests. Kleiton Lima left Santos club in September when the accusations were brought to light. He was restored as the women's coach on April 2 when Santos said they found no evidence of wrongdoing.

Rohit loses bronze bout in Asian C'ships

BISHKEK: Wrestler Rohit Dahiya lost his bronze medal bout to a top-ranked Mukhammadkodir Rasulov as India finished their Greco-Roman campaign at the Asian Championships without a single podium finish. On a day when all other Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers struggled, Dahiya (82kg) was the only one to enter the bronze medal round, but he too fell short.

Muddappa begins with double victory

PUNE: Multiple-time national champion Hemanth Muddappa of Mantra Racing began the season with a double victory at the summer edition of the Valley Run 2024 at Amby Valley on Tuesday. He was also adjudged as the fastest rider of the day. The 12-time national champion, punched above his weight to win the unrestricted class and managed to set a national record in the category.

PARIS 2024

Is fractious France ready for an Olympics party in less than 100 days?

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ORGANISERS of the Paris Olympics have promised a "great national party" for the country, but with 100 days to go, France's bitter politics and gloomy mindset are dampening the mood.

Even as the Olympic flame was lit thousand miles away in Greece on Tuesday, those involved in the delivery of the Games, particularly chief organiser Tony Estanguet, remain upbeat, encouraging their countryfolk to look on the bright side.

"It's my role to explain that it's a fantastic opportunity for our country to host this event, to welcome the world and also showcase what this country is about to do and deliver," he told reporters last Wednesday. He said he wasn't surprised to hear complaints and doubts.

"We all know that before this kind of big event, there are always many questions, many concerns," he said.

The construction work is on track and the budget looks set to be relatively contained compared to the huge blow-outs seen at the previous events.

French President Emmanuel Macron cut a slightly frustrated figure as he inaugurated a new aquatics centre in early April, speaking as if the public and media were not giving organisers the credit they deserved. "Take a bit of perspective and look at the history of previous Games," he urged reporters, promising the Paris edition would make them "proud".

Olympic Flame lighting ceremony in Olympia, Greece on Tuesday | AFP

On the defensive

Instead of pride, the build-up has been marred by rows that go to the heart of a bitter national debate about identity and race. Influential far-right politicians have criticised the official Games poster — a Christian cross was omitted from a depiction of a Paris landmark — as well as the choice of artists for the Opening Ceremony on July 26.

The prospect of an appearance by Franco-Malian R&B superstar Aya Nakamura caused an uproar among conservatives who criticised her supposed "vulgarity" — something described as "pure racism" by France's culture minister.

Herve Le Bras, a veteran sociologist, said he was sceptical that the Olympics could serve as a moment of national celebration. "Instead, there are lots of suggestions that they will underline the major fractures in France," he said.

Why does the country feel so bad about itself while being among the richest in the world, with one of the most generous social security systems, and a lifestyle that is envied across the globe? A major survey by the Ipsos group last September found eight out of 10 people thought the country was in decline and nearly one in two said they felt angry and contrarian.

In another era -- during the decades of bullish post-war expansion in France, for example -- the country might have been more ready to celebrate the Olympics, Le Bras suggests.

Jean Viard, another well-known sociologist, believes that the risk of terrorism and wars in Europe and the Middle East are weighing on people's minds. The Olympics are also taking place at a time where the rising cost of living is causing economic hardship, making the often high ticket prices for events hard to stomach.

Other concerns include the fast-rising public debt – just as new estimates emerge suggesting that taxpayers could end up with an Olympics bill of up to five billion euros ($5.4 billion).

In the beginning there was nothing, which exploded – **Terry Pratchett**

SECURE QUANTUM COMPUTING AT HOME

Researchers at Oxford have made a breakthrough by which the potential of cloud-based quantum computing could soon be harnessed by millions

• MORE ON

Quantum computing

Quantum computing as a distinct field emerged in the 1980s, when it was discovered that certain computational problems could be tackled more efficiently with quantum algorithms than with their classical counterparts.

KEY FEATURES

- Quantum computing uses phenomena in quantum physics to create new ways of computing
- Quantum computing involves qubits (the basic unit of information in quantum computing)
- Unlike a normal computer bit, which can be either 0 or 1, a qubit can exist in a multidimensional state
- The power of quantum computers grows exponentially with more qubits
- Classical computers that add more bits can increase power only linearly

KEY APPLICATIONS

● Artificial intelligence ● Military and police intelligence ● Drug discovery ● Aerospace design ● Big data search ● Digital manufacturing ● Nuclear science ● Machine learning ● Space technology ● Cybersecurity ● Financial modeling ● Traffic optimization ● Weather forecast and climate change

Source: Investopedia

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THE full power of next-generation quantum computing could soon be harnessed by millions of individuals and companies at home and on site, thanks to a breakthrough by scientists at Oxford University Physics, guaranteeing security and privacy. This advance promises to unlock the transformative potential of cloud-based quantum computing and is detailed in a new study published in the influential US scientific journal Physical Review Letters.

Quantum computing refers to a multidisciplinary field comprising aspects of computer science, physics, and mathematics that utilises quantum mechanics to solve complex problems faster than on classical computers. The field of quantum computing includes both hardware research and application development. Meanwhile, quantum mechanics is the field of physics that explains how extremely small objects simultaneously have the characteristics of both particles and waves. This field is essential to quantum computing.

Today, quantum computing is developing rapidly, paving the way for new applications which could transform services in many areas such as healthcare and financial services. It works in a fundamentally different way to conventional computing and is potentially far more powerful. However, it currently requires controlled conditions to remain stable and there are concerns around data authenticity and the effectiveness of current security and encryption systems.

Several leading providers of cloud-based services, such as Google, Amazon, and IBM, already separately offer some elements of quantum computing. Safeguarding the privacy and security of customer data is a vital precursor to scaling up and expending its use, and for the development of new applications as the technology advances. The new study by researchers at Oxford University Physics addresses these challenges. "We have shown for the first time that quantum computing in the cloud can be accessed in a scalable, practical way which will also give people complete security and privacy of data, plus the ability to verify its authenticity," says Professor David Lucas, who co-heads the Oxford University Physics research team and is the lead scientist at the UK Quantum Computing and Simulation Hub, led from Oxford University Physics.

Blind quantum computing

In the new study, the researchers use an approach dubbed "blind quantum computing", which connects two totally separate quantum computing entities – potentially an individual at home or in an office accessing a cloud server – in a completely secure way. Importantly, their new methods could be scaled up to large quantum computations. "Using blind quantum computing, clients can access remote quantum computers to process confidential data with secret algorithms and even verify if the results are correct, without revealing any useful information. Realising this concept is a big step forward in both quantum computing and keeping our information safe online" says study lead Dr Peter Drmota, of Oxford University Physics.

The researchers created a system comprising a fibre network link between a quantum computing server and a simple device detecting photons, or particles of light, at an independent computer remotely accessing its cloud services. This allows so-called blind quantum computing over a network. Every computation incurs a correction which must be applied to all that follow and needs real-time information to comply with the algorithm. The researchers used a unique combination of quantum memory and photons to achieve this.

"Never in history have the issues surrounding privacy of data and code been more urgently debated than in the present era of cloud computing and artificial intelligence," says Professor David Lucas. "As quantum computers become more capable, people will seek to use them with complete security and privacy over networks, and our new results mark a step change in capability in this respect," he adds. The results could ultimately lead to commercial development of devices to plug into laptops, to safeguard data when people are using quantum cloud computing services.

Source: University of Oxford

HEALTHY ALTERNATIVE

STUDY FINDS SPORTS VIEWING INFLUENCES WELL-BEING

In the wake of the apartheid regime in South Africa, the newly elected president of the country and long-time opponent of the apartheid, Nelson Mandela, espoused sports — especially Rugby — as a racial unifier. The film Invictus features this, wherein a racially mixed team made a successful bid for the 1995 Rugby World Cup. It showed how indulging in sports has a unifying effect transcending racial lines, assumed to be having the same effects on diminishing communal and casteist lines too. Now, a new research conducted in Japan by researchers from Waseda University and Nanyang Technological University has shown that not just playing, but even merely watching a popular sport in groups can significantly contribute to fostering community and belonging, benefiting both individuals and society through improved well-being. The research found that the sense of connection achieved through group watching of popular sports not only made individuals feel good, but it also benefits society by improving health, enhancing productivity, and reducing crime. Their research offers insights for public health policies and individual well-being enhancement. Although the positive effects of sports on well-being were recognized, limited evidence existed on the link between watching sports and well-being. To address this gap, the Japanese researchers conducted a multi-method research and found that sports viewing activates brain reward circuits, leading to improved well-being. The research found sports viewing positively influencing both subjective and objective measures of well-being, fostering long-term benefits for individuals.

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Nirad Mudur

ADVANCED FEATURES

NEXT-GENERATION DIGITAL DISPLAY BREAKTHROUGH

RESEARCHERS at Linkoping University (LiU), Sweden, have developed a digital display screen where the LEDs themselves react to touch, light, fingerprints and the user's pulse, among other things. Their results, published in Nature Electronics, could be the start of a whole new generation of displays for phones, computers and tablets.

"We've now shown that our design principle works. Our results show that there is great potential for a new generation of digital displays where new advanced features can be created. From now on, it's about improving the technology into a commercially viable product," says Feng Gao, professor in optoelectronics at LiU.

Researchers at LiU have developed a completely new type of display where all sensor functions are also found in the display's LEDs without the need of any additional sensors.

The LEDs are made of a crystalline material called perovskite, whose excellent ability of light absorption and emission is the key that enables the newly developed screen.

In addition to the screen reacting to touch, light, fingerprints and the user's pulse, the device can also be charged through the screen, thanks to the perovskites' ability to also act as solar cells.

Source: Linkoping University

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Rajkumar Robinchocklingam/ Anitha Rajkumar/ LBBNG00004922985	Property Schedule (Schedule A Apartment) All That Piece and Parcel of The Residentially Converted Lands in Survey Numbers 101/1-A (5 Acres 13 Guntas), 101/1-B (5 Guntas), 101/2 (8 Acres 17 Guntas), 103/1 (6 Acres), 104 (3 Acres 33 Guntas) and 105/5 (7 Guntas), Now Bearing Municipal No. 4506. Situated in Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Together Admeasuring 23 Acres and 35 Guntas, and Butted and Bounded As Follows. on The East: Survey Numbers 103/2, 102 and Private Property; on The West: Kothanur Village, Portions of Survey Number 104, 101/1-B and105/5; on The North: Lake and Survey Number 102; on The South: Portions of Survey Number 104, 101/1-B, 105/5 and Road Schedule- B (Schedule B Apartment) 0.066% Undivided Right, Title and Interest in The Schedule A Property Admeasuring 688.73 Square Feet Subject To Measurement After Completion Of The Residential Complex. Schedule- C (Schedule C Apartment) A 3 (Three) Bedroom Apartment Bearing No. 02 on The 19th Floor in The Block/ Wing A4 of The Residential Complex Elita Promenade Constructed in The Schedule A Property With Vitrified Floor Having A Super Built Up Area of 1690 Square Feet (Comprising A Build Up Area of 1418.39 Square Feet Inclusive of Balconies Utility Space Floors Ceiling And Walls Between The Apartments and Proportionate Common Area of 271.61 Square Feet) Along With One Covered Car Parking Space in The Lower Ground Floor/ Basement./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/12/04/2024.	21.11.2023 Rs. 91,20,228.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: April 17, 2024
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING

ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office : Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat-362266
Branch Office: No.1(78), Star Avenue, 6th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560047

APPENDIX-IV
POSSESSION NOTICE
[RULE 8 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of **Aditya Birla Finance Limited** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **03.02.2024**. calling upon **M/s Dreams and Doers, Mr. Avinash Rao and Mrs. Kamaljit Dass** as Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 3,76,77,596.70/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy-Six Lakhs Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Six and Paise Seventy Only)** as on **25.01.2024**. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till the date of payment/realization.

The borrowers and co-borrower's despite being served with the said notice and having failed to repay the entire notice amount together with further interest and other charges, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **15th day of April, 2024**.

The borrowers and co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Finance Limited for an amount of **Rs. 3,76,77,596.70/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy-Six Lakhs Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Six and Paise Seventy Only)** together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till the date of payment/realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Description of the Immovable Property

"All the piece and parcel of the Commercial Space bearing No. F1-1. Situated at First Floor building Known as "NARAYAN'S GARUDA ENCLAVE" having super built up area 2300 Sq ft. along with undivided share of 19.95% & 610.6 Sq ft, along with one car parking space in the basement Construction on site No.101, Situated at 3rd Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560003, Bangalore Rural District and the Building is bounded on: East By : Conservancy Road, West By : Main Road., North By : Property No.99., South By : Property No. 102.

PLACE : Bangalore
DATE : 15.04.2024

Authorised Officer
(Aditya Birla Finance Limited)
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बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra | **CITY MARKET BRANCH, BANGALORE:** Paxal Tower, No.13, K R Road, Fort, Bengaluru-560002. | TELE: 080-26706909 e-mail :brmgr304@mahabank.co.in | Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

H O: Lokmangal, 1501, Shivajinagar, Pune-5

AW12/SARFAESI/Possession Notice/2024-25 Date -12.04.2024

POSSESSION NOTICE
For Immovable property [Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)]

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section (12) of Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 31.01.2024 calling upon the borrowers, **Mr. Amjad Khan,** S/o Sardar Khan and **Mrs. Reshma Shaikh,** W/o Mr. Amjad Khan, to repay the amount aggregating **Rs. 62,89,544.00 (Rupees Sixty-Two Lakh Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Four only)** plus unapplied interest thereon as mentioned in the demand notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The notice was sent through hand delivery.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules **on this 12th day of April of the year 2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra, **City Market Branch** for an amount hereinabove mentioned.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The details of the properties mortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as follows :

All that piece and parcel of New BBMP Khata No.44/5, PID No 92-99-44/5, earlier portion of Old Khata No. 21, then No 44, measuring East to West on the Northern Side 26 feet 01 inch, the Southern side 26 feet & North to South on the Eastern Side 45 feet & Western side 47 feet 08 inches, all measuring 1200 Square feet, carved out of Survey No 65, situated at Rajappa Block, J C Nagar, Muni Reddy Palya, K G Baidarahalli, Presently coming within the revenue & administrative limits of BBMP Ward No.92, Jayamahal, Bangalore and is butted and bounded as under- On or towards North : By Private property. On or towards South : By Road. On or towards East : By Portion of property bearing No.44, conveyed to Mrs. Sarah Siddique. On or towards West : By Portion of property bearing No.44, conveyed to Mr. Arif Pasha & other.

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer
Bank of Maharashtra
City Market Branch

Date : 12/04/2024
Place : Bengaluru

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office:- The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagor's have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as Nonperforming Asset, whereas Jana Small Finance Bank Limited being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand notice calling upon the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagor's as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount due in Rs./as on
1	1) Mr. Anand Kumar Dh 2) Mr. Hanumappa Dh	Loan Account No. 47469430001453 Amount:- Rs.5,00,000/-	MORTGAGED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the property bearing E-Katha No.43-523-248/A, Assessment No.18/1/83, situated at Hosakote Nagar, Bangalore Rural District and **bounded on the:- East by:** House of Ramakrishnappa, **West by:** House of Kamalamma, **North by:** Road, **South by:** House of Dyavappa. Measuring East to West: 10.668021, North to south: 10.668021, totally measuring 113.8070 Sq. Mtrs.	Date of NPA: 02-03-2024 Demand Notice Date: 10-04-2024	Rs.4,89,720.50 (Rupees Four Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty and Paisa Fifty Only) due as on 07-04-2024.
2	1) Mrs. Sarojamma 2) Mr. Munigangappa	Loan Account No. 32519630000256 Amount :- Rs.5,00,000/-	MORTGAGED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.38, Sy. No.35 situated at Ramagovindapura Village, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore District and **Bounded on:- East by:** Road, **West by:** 46, **North by:** Property No.37, **South by:** Property No.89. Measuring 40x30 feet.	Date of NPA: 02-04-2024 Demand Notice Date: 10-04-2024	Rs.4,77,414.24/-(Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen and Twenty Four Paisa Only) due as on 07-04-2024

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/Co-Borrower within 60 days of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 17-04-2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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Haemophilia Day was established in April 17, 1989, by The World Federation of Hemophilia to commemorate the birthday of Frank Schnabel, its founder

WHAT IS HAEMOPHILIA?

Haemophilia is a genetic disease that can be passed down from parents to children. Generally, this illness is common among men when a protein is missing in the blood

GENETIC DISORDER

Once European royal families treated the disease with aspirin making it condition worse. In 1803, Dr John Conrad Otto found that it was a hereditary disease

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1791 Isaac Zoll from Virginia died at age 19 from a minor cut on his foot. He is regarded as the first American with haemophilia

Depths of Self and Society
PG 3

'I HAD NO EXPECTATIONS OF MYSELF, NEITHER DID OTHERS'

One of India's premier spin bowlers and a current member of the Women's Premier League team UP Warriorz, Rajeshwari Gayakwad – who trains in Bengaluru – shares her unconventional path to spinning success

DESE GOWDA

ONE of India's premier spin bowlers, **Rajeshwari Gayakwad**'s cricketing career could have gone on a different path altogether. Inspired to take up cricket by the likes of Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag, Gayakwad originally intended to be a fast bowler and was dubbed 'Lady Zaheer Khan'. But a lack of fitness early in her career meant focussing on spin instead. The 32-year-old, who originally hails from Vijaypura, was recently in the city for an event organised by Sisters in Sweat, a community dedicated to promoting fitness and wellness for women. In conversation with *CE*, Gayakwad, who also trains here, shares her experiences representing India at the 2017 World Cup, the sense of belonging at UP Warriorz and her love for namma ooru. **Excerpts:**

How did you get drawn to cricket?
When I was younger, I took a lot of interest in watching cricket, especially when Sachin Tendulkar and Sehwag played. But I never imagined that I would one day be playing cricket. I used to play gully cricket with my brothers and neighbourhood kids. Over time, I developed an interest in the sport, so I joined the cricket academy and that's how the journey started.

You initially aspired to be a fast bowler, but later transitioned to spin. Looking back, how do you feel about that now?
I was curious about fast bowling when I started. But at that time, I was still very young and my fitness wasn't up to the mark. So my coach back then asked me to switch to spin bowling instead. It was quite demoralising, because I really loved fast bowling. Switching to spin required a lot of training and hard work. But the more I worked on it, the more I came to love it. And I had never expected to perform well at the zonals or for the state team. But all that practice paid off, helping me do well for Team India.

It's been nearly 10 years since your international debut in 2014; how do you look back on the decade?
In the last 10 years, I have had a lot of highs and lows, and it's been a memorable decade. My most favourite moment throughout this time was probably during the 2017 World Cup. I didn't play the first six matches, but I got the chance to play in the seventh match.

Knowing that my performance was crucial in the team's victory that day and for the team to reach the finals was a huge moment. I will cherish that memory forever. I had no expectations of myself, neither did others. And yet I performed well.

In recent years, women's cricket has gained a lot more visibility and popularity, especially after the WPL. How do you perceive that change?
I would say the game for women has improved tremendously in the last few years. Before the 2017 World Cup, the women's game was hardly visible in the mainstream. But when we reached the finals, it inspired a lot of young girls to take up the sport. It always puts a smile on my face to see the increased interest. At the same time, the infrastructure and support system for budding athletes has also increased quite a bit. Kids these days don't have to struggle to the same extent as we did back in the day.

Could you talk about your experience with the UP Warriorz? What is it like to be part of this team?
Right from the moment I joined the team, I've felt at home. It's been a positive atmosphere and we've all played good cricket while enjoying it. Being a senior player, I've also sought to make some of the junior players in the team comfortable. New kids usually are nervous. Sometimes, that can negatively impact their on pitch performance.

You're in Bengaluru often. What's your impression of the city?
I've always loved Bengaluru. Wherever I go in the country or the world, as soon as I land back at the Bengaluru airport, I get a sense of calm and happiness! Since childhood, I always dreamed of living in the city and recently that has become somewhat of a reality. The first time that I ever witnessed live cricket was at Chinnaswamy Stadium. Since then, I've always loved the venue. It's one of my favourite venues to play. The thing that makes playing here so pleasant is the Bengaluru crowd. Playing in front of them is an experience that is quite unlike anywhere else.

Looking ahead to upcoming tournaments, what are your expectations for the team and how are you preparing for them?
I'm looking forward to the upcoming Bangladesh series. I'm not too stressed about it, I just want to utilise the opportunity and give my best there. My only focus, I would say, would be to do the best I can for the team.

MONIKA MONALISA

Sultans of Swara

Ramkumar Mohan and Srikrishna Mohan, aka Trichur Brothers, consider themselves anything but purists. The musical brothers share their views on how Carnatic music needs to evolve with time

Srikrishna Mohan

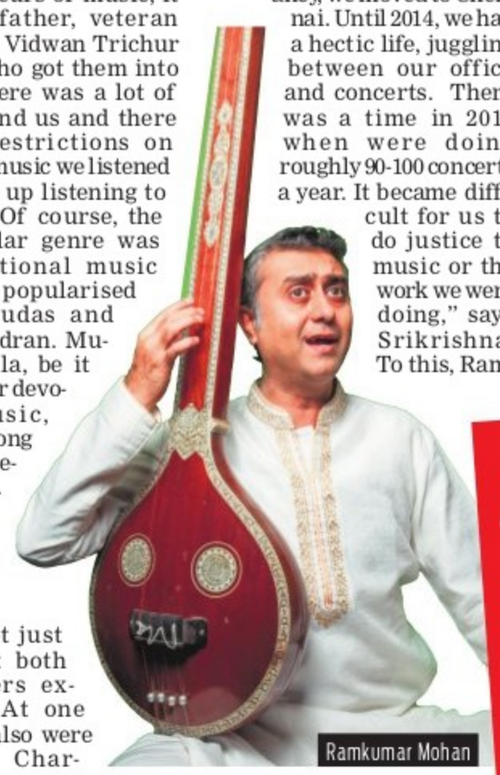
TRICHUR Brothers' concerts are always a delightful experience, not just for the beautiful Carnatic music they render but also for their way of involving the crowd with their music. Ramkumar Mohan, one of the brothers, mentions, "During a concert, a young boy asked when we were going to do the 'sing-along portion'. It is one of our ways to make Carnatic music sound 'cool' for the younger audience."

The brothers, who were recently in the city, are known for their experimentation. "Right from 2010 when we started performing, we have done a lot of harmonisation. Since both of us were exposed to choirs and both of us love Michael Jackson, we have incorporated Western-style elements without going outside the boundaries of Carnatic music. We were never purists. I still remember when we started bringing harmonisation elements in our concerts, we faced criticism for breaking the traditional Carnatic mould," recalls Srikrishna Mohan. Adding to that Ramkumar says, "I often find that what they call a purist approach is a closed approach, in the sense that it is not about keeping the music pure, it is about not evolving with time. There is a certain amount of evolution that needs to keep happening."

Coming from a family of connoisseurs of music, it was their father, veteran Mridangam Vidwan Trichur R Mohan who got them into music. "There was a lot of music around us and there were no restrictions on the kind of music we listened to. We grew up listening to all genres. Of course, the most popular genre was light devotional music which was popularised by KJ Yesudas and P Jayachandran. Music in Kerala, be it film music or devotional music, there is a strong Carnatic element to it. So learning was natural in that sense," says Srikrishna.

It was not just music that both the brothers excelled at. At one point they also were successful Chartered Accountants, but didn't hesitate to leave their flourishing careers to devote time to music. "From 2004 when we finished Chartered Accountancy, we moved to Chennai. Until 2014, we had a hectic life, juggling between our office and concerts. There was a time in 2014 when were doing roughly 90-100 concerts a year. It became difficult for us to do justice to music or the work we were doing," says Srikrishna. To this, Ramkumar immediately adds, "The decision had to be made. In fact, Srikrishna quit his job seven months before I did. I didn't even want to quit my job because I liked what I did. But there was this moment while I was listening to some classical music in my cabin that it hit me that there is a bigger world outside that I could explore."

Looking back, the brothers wouldn't have it any other way. Soon after they took up music full-time, it got them one of their biggest music projects – the *Namami Gange* – which then went on to become the anthem for the Clean Ganga Movement.


Ramkumar Mohan

IN THE NEWS

In a recent controversy revolving around the Madras Music Academy honouring Carnatic musician TM Krishna with the Sangita Kalanidhi, the Trichur Brothers said that Carnatic music is a unifying factor. They said, "Mr TM [Krishna] is only being divisive with his narrative, and is unnecessarily making the whole issue political! Leave music out of it."

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY
Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**
Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*

1. Long before the IPL and the T20 format, Bengaluru was unparalleled in its love for cricket. The city has produced a good number of cricketing giants who have made significant contributions to the game at the international level. Which of the following former international cricketers does not hail from Bengaluru? GR Vishwanath, Roger Binny, EAS Prasanna, Brijesh Patel, Ajit Wadekar.

2. The foundation stone for Chinnaswamy Stadium, a popular cricket stadium in India, was laid in 1969 and soon opened for first-class matches in the early '70s. Before Chinnaswamy Stadium, first-class matches were played at a popular ground attached to a well-known educational institution. Name the ground.

3. Name the former Indian cricketer who joined hands with former badminton champion Prakash Padukone, to start a full-fledged sports academy spread across 16 acres located north of Bengaluru.

CITY READ

Institute launches multi-cloud certification programme

The International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore (IIIT-B) has expanded its academic portfolio to launch an Executive Post-Graduate Certificate program in Cloud and DevOps. The programme provides an introduction to various cloud platforms, placing a significant focus on DevOps principles and advanced concepts like DevSecOps and SynOps. During each module, learners will be able to deploy web applications and undergo extensive hands-on training, preparing them for roles that require deploying and managing web applications in cloud environments.

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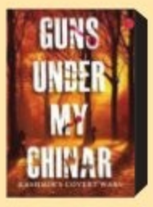
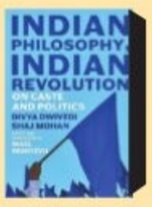


Guns Under My Chinar: Kashmir's Covert Wars

By AM Watali

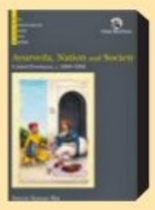
Former chief of police, AM Watali, of Kashmir reveals how covert warfare, espionage and geopolitical manoeuvres have shaped and reshaped the geopolitical landscape of Kashmir.



Indian Philosophy, Indian Revolution: On Caste And Politics

By Divya Dwivedi & Shaj Mohan

Engaging resurgence of upper-caste supremacism in India and its justification via the legacy of the Aryan doctrine and Hindu nationalism.



Ayurveda, Nation, and Society: United Provinces, c.1890–1950

By Saurav Kumar Rai

The growth of medical nationalism through the Ayurvedic revivalist movement in the United Provinces, and observes the ensuing change and continuity in the attitude towards indigenous medicine in independent India.

The Hill of Enchantment: The Story of My Life as a Writer

By Ruskin Bond

The author talks about the experiences that have shaped him, the events that inspired his most famous books and stories.

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QUICKFIX

BUTTER COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

- **All-purpose flour/maida:** 1 cup
- **Vanilla essence:** 1/2 tsp
- **Unsalted butter:** 1/2 cup
- **Sugar:** 1/4 cup
- **Salt:** 1/4 tsp

METHOD

- Take butter in a bowl and blend till fluffy. Add powdered sugar and blend for one more minute. Mix the content well with some vanilla essence. To the bowl, add salt and flour and knead the mix into a dough.
- Roll it with your hand and cover it in a plastic bag and refrigerate it for about 1 hour.
- Take it out from the refrigerator and roll it with a rolling pin about 1/4 inch thickness. Cut it with a cookie cutter. Arrange it on butter paper and refrigerate for another 30 minutes. Preheat the microwave oven to 160 C and bake it for 20-22 minutes. Let it cool by itself on a cooling rack. The butter cookies are ready. Serve with your favourite beverage or tea.

Contributed by **Surkhab Khan,** Lucknow

RASHMEE ROSHAN LALL

(Journalist, writer & University teacher)

How to build a newsletter empire

A newsletter you could use: Start by thinking about what you would want to read but can't because it doesn't exist. Yet. If you're a foodie, perhaps you want to look at the worldwide avatars of popular dishes. Or it could be something so esoteric as international summits, how they came to be and what good they do.

Play to your strengths... and your passions: If there is something you know quite a bit about — video games, rock-climbing, 1960s Hindi songs — chances are you will be able to write about it with verve and facility and offer something unique. The secret of the newsletter business is that it isn't a business but a passion.

ASK AN XPERT

What's in a name: Lots. It could be clever. Or funny. Or straightforward. Whatever it is, pick something that accurately represents the heart or soul (or even fey spirit) of your venture.

Start small: Find a free newsletter service and get writing. Create a simple format that doesn't require too much in the way of time and resources. Spread the word and start monitoring views, reads, shares and likes.

Don't forget the sixth sense: Unscientific though it sounds, the first responses your newsletter elicits often indicate whether it's a good idea and something people will want.

Rashmee's email newsletter, 'This Week, Those Books', connects the week's big world news story to the realm of books.

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BALASANA VARIATION BLOCK

(CHILD POSE VARIATION BLOCK)

In this variation, the forehead rests on a block, with arms extended, palms on floor. Sit on a blanket, tilt pelvis forward, ease into foot forward fold, close your eyes, tune in to start your practice. It is the most calming restorative pose with the wide expansion of thighs on the floor, and face down that is considered as the foetal position. It regulates the heartbeat and the breath after vigorous cardio workouts. A perfect alignment for students with big tummies as their abdomen constricts the alignment in Balasana. Beginners can get the flexibility to perform similar asanas without using the blocks.

STEPS

- After releasing from Vakrasana (Twisted Pose), stretch the legs out and sit in Dandasana (Staff Pose) for a few breaths to relax the body.
- Now, sit in Vajrasana (Thunderbolt Pose), taking the heels behind while bending the knees and placing the hips on the heels. Stretch the spine and stay here for a few breaths.
- Increasing the distance between the knees, slowly raise the hips and place it on the floor if possible.
- Inhale, stretch the arms above your head and with slow exhalation go forward flexing the hips. Reach forward stretching the arms out on the floor while the face touches the floor in Balasana Variation.
- This pose is said to reduce and control the blood pressure while relaxing and calming the sympathetic nervous system.
- You can stay in this pose for about 10 breaths, while the abdomen and the diaphragm contract, giving room for smooth flow of breath.
- If touching the forehead to the floor is difficult, place a yoga block or a blanket below the forehead for support, making the breathing smooth.

BENEFITS

- Stretches entire hip muscles, quadriceps, pelvis, and calves.
- Contracts and tones the hamstrings.
- Gently opens the hips and pelvic muscles.
- Helps enhance hip flexibility and mobility.
- More helpful to enhance thoracic cavity.
- Effective for breathing and cardiac functions.
- Improves the mobility of the lower limbs.
- Extended spine and elongated torso improve body posture.
- Helps to energise the body by calming the mind and central nervous system.
- Relaxes the spine, shoulders, neck, head.
- Regulates heartbeat, breathing rhythm.
- Stimulates the parasympathetic nervous system.
- Stretches ligaments of the anterior knee.
- Helps alleviate menstrual pain.
- May help treat depression, anxiety, trauma.
- Reduces shoulder, upper back, and lower back stiffness.
- Stimulates Muladhara (Root) and Svadhisthana (Sacral) Chakras and channelises the prana to the Sahasrara (Crown) chakra gently.
- A cool down pose for athletes, swimmers, advanced yoga practitioners, and marathon runners.

LIMITATIONS

- Practitioners with any injury to the ankles, shoulders, knees, or wrists, have undergone recent abdominal surgery or hip replacement, or knee surgery, have weak body, joints, ankles or shoulders, acute arthritis-knees joint pain or rheumatoid-arthritis, and women in their later stages of pregnancy and during postnatal, should avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

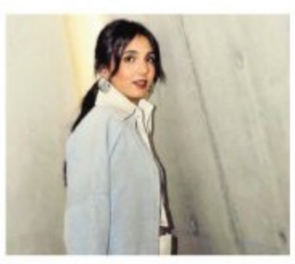
Conservation Talks

Join Ullas Karanth for an enlightening masterclass on wildlife science and conservation practices, drawing from five decades of personal experience with tigers and big cats, exploring critical themes, including tiger recovery, conservation outcomes, and the balance between ecology and economics for successful conservation efforts. **WHEN:** April 19, 6.30pm **WHERE:** Bangalore International Centre, Domlur **DETAILS:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Meet and Greet

Say hello to **Masoom Minawala**, a content creator & entrepreneur, who will be in the city to launch her book *She'll never make: My Journey from Doubt to Dominance.*

WHEN: April 17, 4.30pm
WHERE: Nicobar, Lavelle Road
CALL: 96503 08945



Theatre Time

Watch the gripping anthology play, *Izhaan*, delving into the complexities of the human psyche. Dive into the surreal journey of Rohaan in *Paheli* and explore Dev's internal conflict in *Malaal* through a captivating blend of modern theatre, music, and dance.

WHEN: April 18, 7.30pm
WHERE: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Laugh Fest

Get ready for a side-splitting evening filled with non-stop laughter featuring three of the funniest Kannada comics Shravan, Nithin and Ganesh bringing their best acts for the night.

WHEN: April 20, 6pm
WHERE: Ale- The Art Hub, Rajajinagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Music & Lyrics

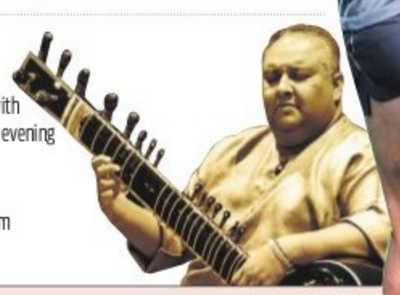
Destress with a late night karaoke party and sing your heart out under the neon lights.

WHEN: April 17, 10pm
WHERE: Marcopolo Cafe, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Classic Melodies

Experience the enchanting melodies of Sufi music with legendary sitarist Ustad Shujaat Khan and enjoy an evening of timeless classics and contemporary Ghazals.

WHEN: April 21, 7pm
WHERE: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Building Strength

Join MMA certified coach Raghuram Raja for a dynamic kickboxing workshop and unlock your potential with core strength, balance, and rotational movements crucial for martial arts.

WHEN: April 20, 7am **WHERE:** Tagda Raho, Koramangala **CALL:** 9972777744

Pawsome Fun

Enjoy the perfect weekend with Barks & Brews, in collaboration with Heads Up For Tails, celebrating National Pet Day! Treat yourself and your furry friends to gourmet bites, pet treats, and engaging activities amidst a charming ambiance.

WHEN: April 20, 2pm onwards
WHERE: BLR Brewing Co., Whitefield
DETAILS: clubr.in/event/barks-and-brews/23795

Sonic Delight

Experience the electrifying beats of **Cristoph** alongside a lineup of top DJs including, Rohan Kapoor, Greg Tomaz and more. Prepare for a night of musical euphoria as they set the stage on fire with their beats. **WHEN:** April 21, 4pm onwards **WHERE:** High Ultra Lounge, Malleswaram
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

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Abhishek Raha's poignant commentary on the human tendency to become entangled in materialism, a struggle to reclaim our true nature from the encasing burdens we collect.

Embracing midlife, rediscovering the self

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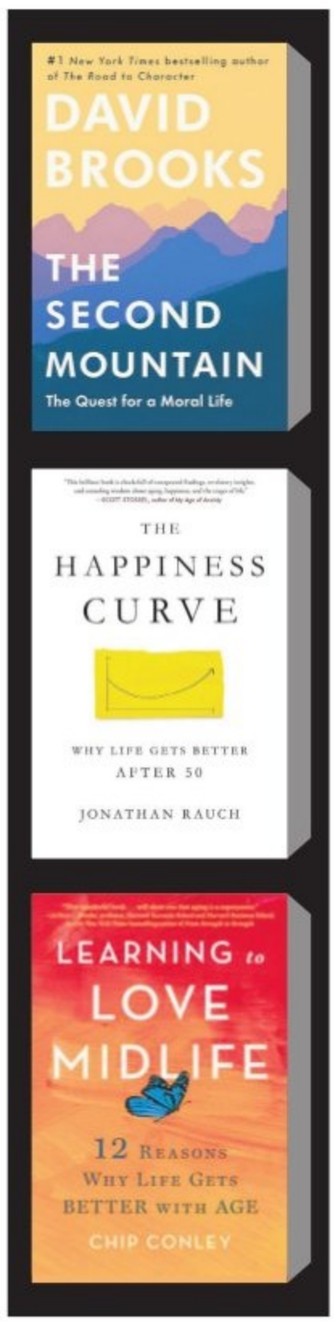
(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)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12 Reasons Why Life Gets Better with Age
CHIP CONLEY

As I turn 50, the realisation that there is less time ahead of me than behind is becoming very real. Also, it is important to acknowledge ageing and gracefully accept the challenges that come with it. The body's metabolism has changed gradually and sleep deprivation is no longer viable. A mix of healthy diet, sleep and exercise is mandatory to lead a fruitful second half of our lives. Prioritising self-care is the first shift that happens during midlife!

Some call it midlife as it typically refers to the period between young adulthood and old age, roughly spanning the late 30s to the early 60s. It is a period most associated with significant events such as career changes, marriage, divorce, raising children, empty nesting, caring for ageing parents and grappling with one's own mortality.

It is also a period of growth, self-discovery, renewed purpose, deepening relationships, pursuing new interests, and embracing the wisdom and experience gained over the years. Personally, I see the first half of our life as devoted to forming a healthy ego, chasing success and external validation, while the second half is going inward and letting go of it!

If we lead a life with meaning and purpose, the second half could also be the happiest phase. In the book *The Happiness Curve: Why Life Gets Better After 50*, Jonathan Rauch argues that happiness often increases in midlife and beyond.

The happiness curve is the lowest at the age of 44, moves up around 50, and increases in our 60s, 70s and 80s as we transition from social competition to social connection.

One of the classics on this topic is *The Middle Passage: From Misery to Meaning in Midlife* by James Hollis. It is a profound exploration of the psychological journey individuals undergo during midlife.

Drawing parallels with the transatlantic slave trade's infamous 'middle passage', Hollis elucidates the turbulent inner voyage individuals must embark upon to navigate this transition effectively. Midlife is not merely a time of crisis but an opportunity for profound self-reflection and growth.

Some choices we make in our midlife will hurt, but we all must rely on our inner guidance system. This is when we find our inner voice, or rather, ask the question: how did we lose our inner voice?

One of my favourite books is *The Second Mountain* by David Brooks where he speaks about finding meaning and purpose beyond personal success. Brooks argues that many people follow a trajectory of pursuing individual achievement, represented by the metaphorical 'first mountain'.

However, true fulfilment comes from ascending the 'second mountain' by following values greater than oneself and committing to four concepts: a vocation, a marriage or family, a philosophy or faith, and a community.

And finally, I would mention Chip Conley's *Learning to Love Midlife*, where he provides 12 reasons why life gets better with age as we stop caring about what people think of us and grow comfortable in our own skin. It is also when we step off the career treadmill and redefine what a successful life looks like.

In the first half of our lives, we live reactively, responsive to the expectations of the world around us. But the second half allows us to recover who we really are, and lead a life of personal authenticity.

This involves examining our narcissistic tendencies and developing the capacity to forgive ourselves and take responsibility for our failings instead of blaming everyone around us.

Can we become a beginner again? Can we shift from recreate to re-create? Can we reflect on the most important questions: the mystery of why we are here and how we are part of an unfolding mystery?

Let's look at the second half of our lives with infinite possibilities, live with purpose and meaning, and wonder at the beauty of the world!

(The writer's views are personal)

In *Naanembudu Kinchittu*, Kannada writer Mogalli Ganesh delivers a moving autobiography that is as much about the complexities of his experiences as a Dalit as it is a commentary on society at large

DEPTHS OF SELF AND SOCIETY

DESE GOWDA

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For **Mogalli Ganesh**, a respected voice in Kannada literature, writing is not just an act of self-expression but a means of liberation. "It's a way to process and release the haunting memories of my childhood. When I write, it's like embarking on a quest for humanity in a vast desert," he explains. This metaphor of society as a desert, where outdated beliefs still linger, serves as a backdrop for the narrative of his latest work – *Naanembudu Kinchittu* (Beetle combo; ₹425).

Biographies, and especially autobiographies, often blur the boundaries between reality and creativity. Authors may portray themselves in the most favourable light, accentuating successes and downplaying or omitting less flattering aspects of their lives. Yet, with *Naanembudu Kinchittu*, which translates to 'I, The Least', Ganesh flips this typical script. Opting for a refreshingly humble approach, he presents himself as a mere observer in a larger story.

"I write to search for humanity and justice," he says, adding that his quest is not just within the self but extends to the structures of society, where he seeks to highlight and dismantle the enduring caste-based prejudices. "Society can be likened to a desert, a landscape with numerous paths. Among these paths, some are main streets fraught with stress and preconceived teachings. In my exploration, I've delved into the facets of the Indian mindset, which, despite its apparent beauty, harbours deeply ingrained, archaic beliefs. Beneath the surface, there lies a readiness to act harshly, reflecting a peculiar human tendency observed worldwide. This tendency towards malevolence is what I am keen to understand and escape from. Unfortunately, even today, the so-called 'progressive' or 'civilised' mindset in India often fails to align with the beautiful words about humanity that are spoken. The reality is different, and it's this contrast that I find troubling and worth exploring," he adds.

Despite the focus on adversity, Ganesh's writing is imbued with a sense of hope and resilience. He aims to inspire readers with the belief that change is possible and that the human spirit can prevail even in the most challenging circumstances. "Even at the last breath, there is a belief that one can survive," he says, adding, "The human mind is so powerful; it thinks positively even under extreme circumstances. Even in the final moments, like at the metaphorical point of my hanging, I still hope for change and for my punishment to be cancelled. I am absolutely hopeful at that moment, filled with positive energy. My writing always carries this positive energy from the beginning to today, presenting the positive because writing may introduce you to different kinds of possibilities."

This memoir strikes a powerful chord with its universal resonance. Ganesh's deeply personal experiences transcend the individual, delving into shared truths about hardship and resilience. "I contemplated whom to write for, with whom I could share my experiences. Before writing, I thought I should speak to humans at large, not to a specific caste or region. I should speak universally, presenting all my pains and pleasures, explaining how I navigated various challenges, jumping from one place to another. What I considered before writing was the persistent human tendency – something universal and fundamentally valued," he adds.

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I, **KM SEEMA DEVI**
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SEEMA SINGH
(New Name)
R/o: **C/o Sushil Kumar Singh,** #17, Drithi, Flat No.401, 2nd Cross, R.K. Layout, Hebbagodi, Near Shiva Temple, Post: Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Sub Dist. Anekal, Dist:Bangalore-560099 (Karnataka) vide affidavit before Notary Public - Dharwad, dated 16-04-2024.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **"S.RAMAMANI" (New Name)**, previously called **"RAMA MANI"**. Date of Birth: **14.01.1961,** W/o. Nagaraja K, and permanent resident of No.98-41, 3rd Main Road, Vyalikaval, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003, I have changed my name from **"RAMA MANI"** to **"S.RAMAMANI"**, vide affidavit **Dated: 11.04.2024** sworn before **M Venkataraman, Advocate and Notary public,** Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560003

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **YASHU MUKESH AGARWAL,** S/O Mukesh Agarwal,, aged about 28 Years, residing at No. 501, Block 14, Heritage Estate, Doddbalapura Road, Yelahanka Bangalore-560064, have changed my name from **YASHU** to **YASHU MUKESH AGARWAL,** vide affidavit dated 15/4/2024 sworn to before H.Sridhar Rao advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PAVAN SINDHE PARASHURAM** S/o **Devendrappa Parashuram Sindhe Pandit** aged about 38 Years R/at No. 442/A, 15th Main Road, 1st Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079, have changed my name to **PAVAN SHINDE PARASHURAM** vide affidavit dated: 16/4/2024 Before Notary **L.Shankaranarayana** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANJULA DEVI** aged about 58 years,- residing at No.5, Burgal Mutt Road, V. V. Puram Bangalore south 560004, have changed my name from **MANJULA BÀI BHANDARI** to **MANJULA DEVI,** vide affidavit dated 16/4/2024 sworn to before P.Anuradha advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MARY BASLIC.J. wife of Dominic Savio, aged about 40 years, R/at No.770, J.J.Nivas, 3rd Cross, Maruthi Layout, Chokkasandra, Bengaluru North, Peenya Small Industries. Bengaluru North, BENGALURU-560 058, have changed my name from **BESSY.J** to **MARY BASLIC.J,** vide affidavit dated 26/3/2024 sworn to before XXXI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Rajashekar G,** Aged about 46 years, S/o Gopal D, residents of No. 93, 4th Main, 8th Cross, Behind CT bed Layout, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085. Hereby declare that, I have changed my minor Son's name (date of birth 23.05.2011) from **'SHREYAS. R.'** to **"VILOK RANJAN GOWDA"** Vide Affidavit dated 15.04.2024, Sworn before Advocate and Notary R. Basavaraja, Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME

NAME CONFIRMATION

I, Bhimashankar Biradar S/o Neelakanth Biradar aged about 35 years R/@ No. 46, Walawandwadi, Alanda Taluq, Tadkal, Gulbarga-585302. I Declare that in my SSLC Marks Card my name is mentioned as Bhimashankar, in my Aadhar (No. 611012894003) it is Bhimashankar Biradar. I am swearing this affidavit that all the two names mentioned above belong to the same person & my correct name in all the documents as BHIMASHANKAR BIRADAR & I will be using the name **BHIMASHANKAR BIRADAR** in all the documents from hereon, vide affidavit dated 08/04/2024 sworn before Notary K. Gunde Gowda, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO JC- 314784W NB/SUB RAMARAO KANCHARLA, Residing at Vemuru (Vill & Post), Tinal (Tehsil), Guntur (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 522261, Have Changed My Son Name **(OLD NAME) K ROHIT GANDHI** to **(NEW NAME) KANCHARLA ROHIT GANDHI,** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **P.AMBIGA,** Legally wedded wife of JC 820599F, Rank,Sub (MP) Name: P PERUMAL presently Working at DAKSHINBHARAT AREA PRO UNIT, PIN 900 432, C/O. 56 APO,permanently residing at Flat No 408, 4th floor, Sudha Nandana Apartments, Gollahalli, Electronic City phase 1, Bangalore560100 have changed my name from **C. AMBIGA** to **P. AMBIGA** my Correct date of Birth is 18/05/1978, vide Affidavit dated 15.04.2024 before Notary **DAYANANDA. G.**

AFFIDAVIT

I, **KANTHRAJ .M,** S/o Late T.N. Manjunath, age 46 years, R/at No. C107, 1st Floor, 'C' Block, Value Plus Apartment, Anjanapura Main Road, Near Brand Factory, Narayana Nagar, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru-560 062 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **KANTHA RAJ M, KANTHARAJU M** and **KANTHRAJ M** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **KANTHRAJ .M** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.T. THIPPESWAMY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **R.SUMATHI,** W/o. No.JC703521L, Rank: Sub, Name: K.RAGOTHAMAN, residing at #19, 5th Main, Near 515 Army, Ulsoor, HAL II Stage, Bengaluru560008, have changed my name from **R.SUMATHI** to **SUMATHI.R** vide Affidavit Dated: 15/04/2024, sworn before **VII Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAJAT ARORA, S/o. KRISHAN KUMAR ARORA, aged about 30 years, residing at D-603, Sumadhura Silver Ripples, Borewell Road, Opposite to Top in Town Super Market, Nallurhalli, Whitefield, Bangalore- 560 066** have changed my father name from **KISHAN KUMAR ARORA to KRISHAN KUMAR ARORA** vide affidavit dated: 15.04.2024 before advocate and notary Umamaheswary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **Mr. NAVEEN KUMAR BHANSALI** (Aadhaar No. 5147 2771 5779), S/o. Mahavir Chand Bhansali and aged about 40 years and Mrs. NEETU BHANSALI (Aadhaar No. 6019 4036 5534), W/o Mr. Naveen Kumar Bhansali and aged about 41 years, both residing at C3, Moti Mahal, Car Street, Halasuru, Bangalore-560008, have changed our minor daughter born to us on 11/08/2015 from **KAIRA N.** to **CHHAVI N.** Sworn before notary: N. Kanchivaradaraju (Reg No. 8810) on 15/04/2024.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) JYOSTNA K,** Spouse of NO. JC- 314784W, NB/SUB RAMARAO KANCHARLA, Residing at Vemuru (Vill & Post), Tinal (Tehsil), Guntur (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 522261, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) JYOSTNA KANCHARLA,** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I,**(Old Name) M BHARATHI,** Spouse of NO. 15323452A HAV MURUGESAN M, Residing at House NO. 2/62, Chinna Mandala (Vill), Ponneri (Post), Thirupattur (Tehsil), Vellore (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State) PIN: 635851, Have Changed My Name to **(New Name) BHARATHI G,** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **P. PRIYADARSHINI,** Daughter of JC 820599F, Rank, Sub (MP)Name: P PERUMAL presently Working at DAKSHIN BHARATAREA PRO UNIT, PIN 900 432, C/O. 56 APO permanently residing at Flat No 408, 4th floor, Sudha Nandana Apartments, Gollahalli, Electronic City phase 1. Bangalore 560100, have changed my name from **PRIYADHARSHNI** to **P. PRIYADARSHINI.** my Correct date of Birth is 07/12/2002, vide Affidavit dated 15.04.2024 before Notary **DAYANANDA. G.**

CHANGE OF NAME

KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL, Old Election Commission Office, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560 001 NOTIFICATION No. 35/2024 DATED: 30.03.2024

The Bar Council in its meeting dated **2nd March, 2024** vide **Res. No. 20/2024,** has permitted the following advocate to change his name from Sri Ekanath S. Kamble to **'EKANT SUKUMAR VARDHAN' Kar/2186/2021**

SUNITHA K.N, I/c Secretary
Karnataka State Bar Council
Bangalore Dated: 30-03-2024

CHANGE OF NAME

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The Bar Council in its meeting dated **2nd March, 2024** vide **Res. No. 20/2024,** has permitted the following advocate to change her name from Smt. Subha Ananthi G to **'K. SUBHA ANANTHI' Kar/789/91.**

SUNITHA K.N, I/c Secretary
Karnataka State Bar Council
Bangalore Dated: 30-03-2024

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **E.VIJAYA** No.JC-733305M Rank SUB Name **ELUMALAI.C** residing at No.530, Mettu Street Ondikudisai, Velleri Post, Tiruvannamalai district, TamilNadu, 632317 have changed my name from **R.VIJAYA to E.VIJAYA,** and my date of birth from **26-08-1985 to 26-07-1985** vide affidavit dated-22-03-2024 before Notary, S. Balaji. Tamilnadu.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MONISHA SHARATH** D/o Ratnakaran Sadashivan R/at Flat No. #003, SR Enclave-1, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560097, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MONISHA SHARATH** to **MONISHA GEETA.** vide affidavit dated 12.04.2024 sworn before Notary S.R.Ravikumar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) THUNUKA KALITA,** Mother of NO. 14689095L NK BHABAJIT KALITA, Residing at Bhotanta Mahitara (Vill & Post), Bhotanta Mahitara (Tehsil), Barpeta (Dist), ASSAM (State), PIN: 781328, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) THUNUBALA KALITA,** And **DOB** from **15.11.1959** to **01.10.1968,** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) RADHAMONY AMMA,** Mother of NO. 16115285M L/NK SARATHCHANDRAN R, Residing at Sreebhavanam, Muthupilakkadu Poruvazhy (Post), Sasthamcotta (Vill), Kunnathoor (Dist), Kollam (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 690520, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) RADHAMANI AMMA S,** Vide Affidavit Dated 10.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ZARIN TAJ** W/o SALEEM AHMED Residing at No,52, 9th D Cross, Ilyas Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560078, declare that my correct name is **ZARIN TAJ,** but my name in my SB A/c is wrongly mentioned as **FAZILA** vide affidavit dated 13-04-2024 sworn before Notary Aravind Patil.G.G, Bangalore. Henceforth I Shall be known as **ZARIN TAJ** in all my future documents

CHANGE OF NAME

We **ASHOK KUMAR BHANDARY** S/o Late Seetharam Bhandary, age 54 years and **RASHMISHREE ASHOK BHANDARY** W/o Sri Ashok Kumar Bhandary, age 44 years, both R/at #A4-301, Paramount Pilatus Apartments, Sai Baba Temple Road, Arekere, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 076 do hereby declare that we have changed our son's name from **SIDDHARTH ASHOK KUMAR BHANDARY** to **SIDDHARTH ASHOK BHANDARY,** vide affidavit dated 15th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **BHOOSHAN KARTHIK EKAMBARAM** and **HEMA SARASWATHI HS,** R/a No. 16, Vellariamman Temple Street, Vivek Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka Pin 560047, have changed my daughter name from **NIHRA KARTHIK** to **NIHIRA BHOOSHAN KARTHIK,** vide affidavit dt.15/04/2024 before Notary **CV Earappa,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) NAUSHAD PASHA SYED S/o SYED YOUSUF (Late), residing at # 15/2, 'H' Street, New Guddadahalli, Bengaluru - 560 026, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NAUSHAD PASHA SYED** to **(NEW NAME) SYED NAUSHAD** vide affidavit dated 25.02.2024 sworn before Notary Deepa.M, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAGHAVENDRA H N** R/at No.271, Srisumeru, 5th Main 4th Cross, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru- 560040 have changed my Minor Daughter Name from **SNIGDHA HONNUDIKE RAGHAVENDRA** to **SNIGDHA R** vide affidavit dated: 15/4/2024 Before Notary **M.K.Devak**i Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) S MURALEEDHARAN,** Father of NO. 16121484W NK VISHNU M K, Residing at Kovilukonathu, Thadatharikathu Veedu, Pulliyoor, Pacha (Post), Nanniyode (Vill), Nedumangadu (Tehsil), Thiruvananthapuram (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 695562, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) MURALEEDHARAN S,** And **DOB** from **05.10.1960** to **01.01.1960,** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **A. JAYACHANDRAN** S/o Angalappa @ Angalam, age 63 years, R/at No. 1444/31, 4th 'E' Main Road, Near Ganesha Temple, Mariyappana Palya, Bengaluru-560 021 do hereby declare that in my son's passport, my name is wrongly mentioned as **ANGALAPPA JAYACHANDRAN** instead of **ANGALAM JAYACHANDRAN AND JAYACHANDRAN ANGALAM,** vide affidavit dated 25-03-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. MUHAMMED YASEEN s/o Y Abdul Aleem,** age 21 years, r/at no. 457, Sri Rama tent Road, 6th Cross, Venkateshpuram, Bangalore-560 045 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **Mr. MUHAMMED YASEEN** and **Mr. MOHAMMED YASEEN** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 15th day of April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.G. SHANTHAPPA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **MANJULA EKHELIKER,** W/o. Suneel Ekheliker, residing at No.P-117, Sector-10, 7th Main, LIC Colony, Jeevan Bhimanagar, Bengaluru 560075, declare that both the names **MANJULA EKHELIKER** and **MANJU EKHELIKER** refers to one and the same person i.e., myself only, vide Affidavit Dated: 08/04/2024, sworn before Notary **S.I.BALAGURU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL, Old Election Commission Office, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560 001 NOTIFICATION No. 35/2024 DATED: 30.03.2024

The Bar Council in its meeting dated **2nd March, 2024** vide **Res. No. 20/2024,** has permitted the following advocate to change his name from Sri Lokesh V to **'LOKESH V NAYAKA' Kar/706/2017.**

SUNITHA K.N, I/c Secretary
Karnataka State Bar Council
Bangalore Dated: 30-03-2024

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) R. ISHEETA MEHTA residing at No. 41, Pulliyar Koil Street, Ashok Nagar, Museum Road, Bangalore 560025, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) R. ISHEETA MEHTA** to **(NEW NAME) ISHEETA** vide affidavit dated 15.04.2024 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, FAZLULLAH SHARIEF, aged about 65 years, S/o Hussain Sharief, R/at No.8, 1st Cross, Kempaiah Block, J.C.Nagar, Bangalore-560 006, have changed my name from **FAZLULLAH SHARRIEF to FAZLULLAH SHARIEF.** Vide affidavit dated: 15-04-2024, sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) K KUMARI,** Mother of NO. 16121484W NK VISHNU M K, Residing at Kovilukonathu, Thadatharikathu Veedu, Thiruvananthapuram (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 695562, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) KUMARI A,** And **DOB** from **08.05.1964** to **30.05.1961,** Vide Affidavit Dated 05.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MIRAA SUKU PADMANABHAN,** R/at No. B202, Mahindra Windchimes, Arekere, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 076, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MYDHILI PADMANABHAN** to **MIRAA SUKU PADMANABHAN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MIRAA SUKU PADMANABHAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **C. VENKATAPATHY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LALITHA GUPTA** alias **LALITHA ASWATH** W/o R A Gupta B, age 68 years, R/at NO. 27, SBI Staff Housing Colony 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwaranagar do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **LALITHA GUPTA** and **LALITHA ASWATH** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **LALITHA GUPTA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15-04-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. GOWTHAMI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL, Old Election Commission Office, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560 001 NOTIFICATION No. 35/2024 DATED: 30.03.2024

The Bar Council in its meeting dated **2nd March, 2024** vide **Res. No. 20/2024,** has permitted the following advocate to change his name from Sri Sathish R to **'R. SATHISH CHANDRA GOWDA' Kar/275/2003.**

SUNITHA K.N, I/c Secretary
Karnataka State Bar Council
Bangalore Dated: 30-03-2024

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KANTHADEVI w/o Sri Prakash Kumar Jain, residing at No.575H. Ahimsa Marga, Siddartha Layout, Mysuru 570 011, have changed my name from **KANTHA KUMARI BOHRA D/o. MOTILAL BOHRA to KANTHADEVI D/o. MOTILAL BOHRA** vide affidavit dated: 13.04.2024 before advocate and notary **L.N. Rajendran, Mysuru**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ABDUL KAREEM,** S/o. Abdul Shukur, resident of No. 15, 7 A Cross, Someshwaranagar, S.K. School, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore-560011, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ABDUL KARIM** to **ABDUL KAREEM,** vide affidavit dated 15.04.2024, sworn to before R. Basavaraja, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru Urban.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMAD SHAMSUJJAMMAN** S/o **Qamruzzama** R/at No. 12, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross Road, Old Pension Mohalla, Mysore Road, Bengaluru- 560018 have changed my name to **MOHAMMED SHAMSUJJAMAN** vide affidavit dated: 13/4/2024 Before Notary **Deepa.M** Bangalore.

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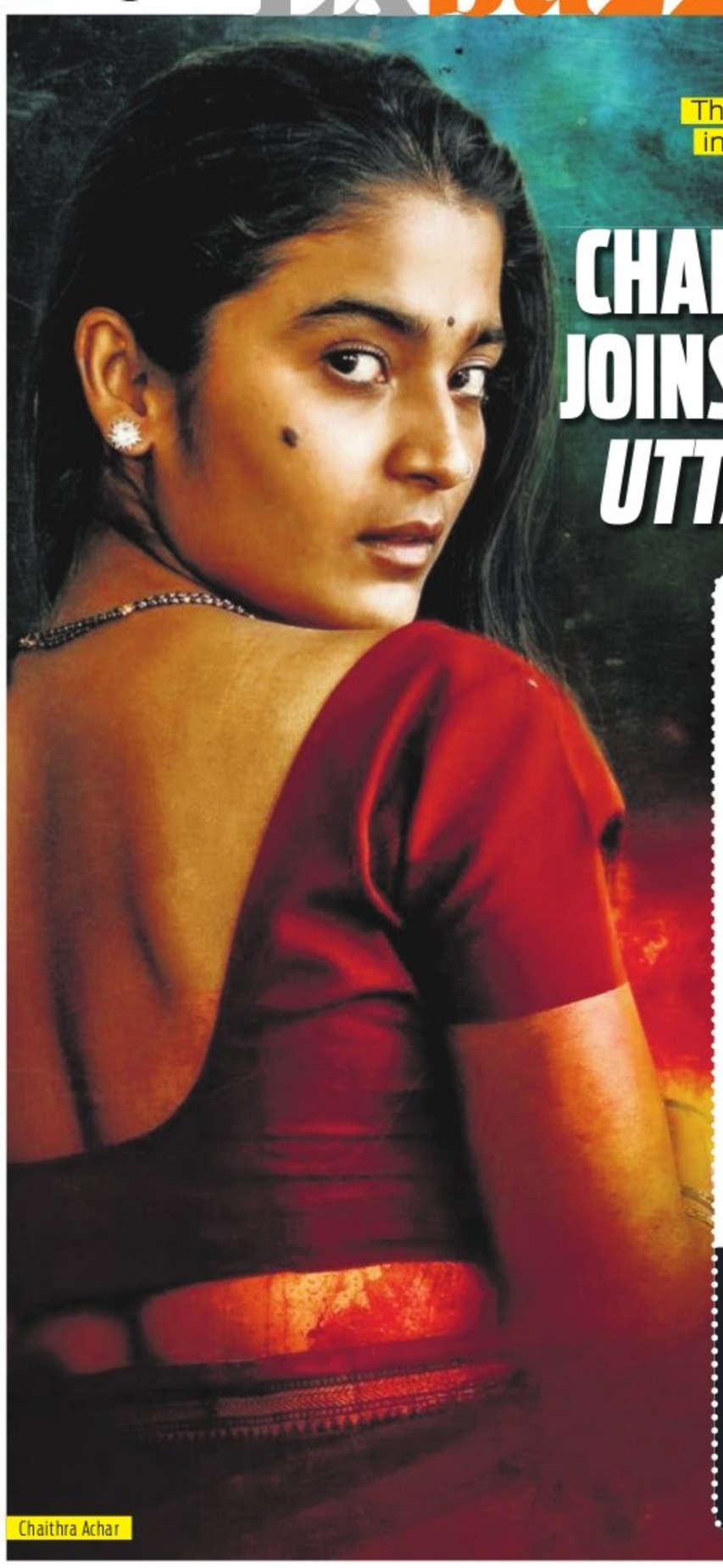

The actor will play the role of Lachchi in this action-packed drama starring Shivarajkumar and Dhananjay

CHAITHRA ACHAR JOINS THE CAST OF *UTTARAKAANDA*

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ROHIT Padanki's upcoming film, *Uttarakaanda*, starring Dhananjay, recently went on floors on Monday. The initial 15-day schedule is set to be shot in the city of Vijayapura. The makers have now announced that Chaithra Achar has been added to the cast of the film, which also stars Century Star Shivarajkumar in a lead role. Chaithra, known for her roles in *Toby*, and her latest film *Blink*, is set to portray yet another significant character named Lachchi in this action-packed drama.

After meticulous planning, extensive research, and brainstorming sessions to capture the essence of North Karnataka through its dialect, the makers of *Uttarakanda* finally began filming. *Uttarakanda* will feature music by Bollywood composer Amit Trivedi, who will be making his Kannada debut with the film. Advaitha Gurumurthy will handle cinematography, and Vishwas Kashyap will oversee production design. More details about the extended cast of the film will be announced by the makers in the coming days.

Chaithra Achar

I am happy with *VIP*, glad to explore a commercial project: Thejaswini Sharma

Thejaswini Sharma

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THEJASWINI Sharma, known for her roles in *Flat #9*, *Mary*, and *English Manja*, is gearing up for the release of *Full Meals* and is thrilled to share screen space with Vasishta Simha in Brahma's directorial venture *VIP*. The film, said to be a crime thriller, features Thejaswini portraying a next-door girl character who is also a college-going girl. "Having started with a thriller and trying to experiment with different genres, I am glad to explore a commercial project," says Thejaswini, who plays the hero's love interest, a senior in college who admires him. "It is interesting to work alongside an actor like Vasishta, who has interesting shades to portray in VIP," she says.

VIP is produced by Kalasrushti Productions and was shot in Bengaluru and Kodagu. Afzal, who plays a significant role, also serves as an executive producer. "I am almost through shooting my portions, except for a few days, which will be completed in the upcoming schedule," Thejaswini says.

While *VIP* marks Thejaswini's 6th project, she is eager to work in more Kannada films and is set to expand her horizons in other industries too. "While I am in discussions for a couple of Tamil projects, I have also been approached to do dance videos in Hindi, which I am looking into. Though movies are my focus now, and I am looking to be a part of some good scripts, I don't mind exploring acting in web series, music videos," she says while adding, "Being an expert in freestyle and Bharatanatyam, I am looking forward to projects that offer me dance opportunities, making music videos a promising option."

Film: **Kamay**

CINEMA WITHOUT BORDERS

In this weekly column, the writer introduces you to powerful cinema from across the world

SEEKING JUSTICE

NAMRATA JOSHI

The poignant pull of Ilyas Yourish's documentary *Kamay* hinges on the specificity of the misfortunes of its subject just as much as it gains from the essential universality that informs their struggle for justice. The documentary revolves around a disempowered family in remote central Afghanistan. Yourish also contextualises their present-day adversity in Afghan history—the oppression of the ethnic Hazara community in the late 19th century by the tyrannical Afghan Amir, Abdul Rahman Khan. The Hazaras were pillaged and massacred to suppress their resistance to autonomy.

In one incident, forty Hazara women were supposed to have jumped off a cliff to escape enslavement and rape by the Amir's forces.

Cut to the present. While the Taliban is on the rise to power in contemporary Afghanistan, one such Hazara family – the Khawaris – is seeking the truth behind the sudden death by suicide of the elder daughter Zahra Khawari who had moved to Kabul for higher studies. She was one among the first generation of Hazaras who got access to "education without discrimination". But not quite. The seeming opportunity came with accompanying humiliation and harassment at the hands of the empowered professors. Was her suicide an act of protest against the endemic inequities and bigotry? The tragedy is narrated on screen by her sister Freshta Khawari. The Afghanistan-Belgium-Germany-France co-production premiered recently in the international competition section at Visions du Reel.

Shot over six years, at one level the film feels like an unwitting ethnographic documentation of a little-known community by the filmmaker who himself belongs to it. First few minutes into the film, what strikes you most about the Khawaris, living deep in the mountains, is the arduousness of daily life at home in Daikundi, be it the toil in the kitchen or the farm.

A parallel sense of exhaustion and frustration marks their pursuit of justice – battling the apathetic bureaucracy, legal loopholes and obstacles besides travelling for days from Daikundi to Kabul on treacherous, snow-covered roads with growing danger from the resurgent Taliban, the fear of them lurking in the hills. One wonders if they would have even found time to grieve and process the loss properly.

The judicial delays in getting possession of Zahra's belongings, with the court acquitting the university and the professor of all charges despite the evidence – these are elements anyone in South Asia would be able to identify with. The toxicity in academia is as relatable – the power play by the professors, their constant rejection of research theses and bullying.

Yourish concomitantly lends a poetic treatment to the family's predicaments. It's evident in the way he frames the pristine, quiet mountains against the chaotic, noisy streets of Kabul. It's the love that binds the Khawari family together. A love that extends to the animals they own and even the plants that they use day-to-day. In fact, the title of the film itself refers to an herb found in the mountains inhabited by the Hazaras. It was something that Zahra had asked Freshta to collect for her research. And she still treks to the mountains in her search for it.

A wild, self-reliant plant, it becomes emblematic of the cussedness of the Khawaris to claim their civil rights.

It's tough to not get affected when Freshta, ready as she is to enter the university herself, talks about Zahra's last phone call when she spoke to every member of the family. Or when a differently abled brother cries incessantly for her, as though verbalising his loss of and longing for Zahra. However, the most moving portions come towards the end when Freshta talks about how the fate of the two sisters seems aligned. Both were forced to leave things unfinished, because of the toxicity heaped on her, and because of the impending totalitarianism of the Taliban. Incidentally, the Khawaris were determined not to leave their home and mountains but as the film shows, things took a different turn. Their fight for justice hangs in balance for now.

Chandramohan's multistarrer titled *Forest*

The adventurous comedy starring Anissh, Gurunandan, Chikkanna and Rangayana Raghu will also mark the Kannada debut of Suraj Pops

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WE had earlier reported that Chandramohan, who has previously directed *Double Engine* and *Brahmachari*, is all set to helm his third project. The film is expected to be a multistarrer featuring actors Anissh, Gurunandan, Chikkanna, and Rangayana Raghu.

As the film's shoot nears completion with two songs pending, the makers have now officially launched the project along with the title. Titled *Forest*, Chandramohan shares that the film is billed to be an adventurous comedy primarily set in the titular location. "With elements of adventure and comedy, the film also shapes up to be a thrilling drama, and we have filmed in locations such as Madikere, Chikmagalur, MM Hills, and Bengaluru," says Chandramohan.

Forest, produced by NM Kantharaj under NMK Cinemas banner, also features Arachana Kottige and Sharanya Shetty as female leads, along with Avinash in a pivotal role. Suraj Pops, acclaimed for his role in Rajinikanth's *Jailer*, will make his Kannada debut with *Forest* and portray the main antagonist in the film. Ravikumar is the cinematographer for the film, which will feature music by Dharmavish and Veer Samarth.

Keanu Reeves joins voice cast for *Sonic The Hedgehog 3*

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KEANU Reeves will lend his voice to Shadow in the third part of *Sonic The Hedgehog* from Paramount Pictures, according to a report from The John Campea Show. Ben Schwartz leads the ensemble cast as the titular character Sonic. On the other hand, James Mardsen is reprising Sheriff Tom Wachowski, Sonic's human ally, and Jim Carrey is playing his mad scientist character Dr Robotnik. The franchise started with 2020's Sonic the Hedgehog and continued with a sequel two years later. Jeff Fowler is also coming to don the director's hat for *Sonic The Hedgehog 3*, which is slated for a December 20 release.

The first part follows the hedgehog Sonic as he tries to escape from captivity by Robotnik and the government with the help of sheriff Tom. In *Sonic The Hedgehog 2*, the titular character tries to keep Robotnik and Knuckes from furthering their villainous plans by getting the Chaos Emeralds.

The other future works of Reeves include *Good Fortune* from Aziz Ansari and the John Wick spinoff titled *Ballerina*.